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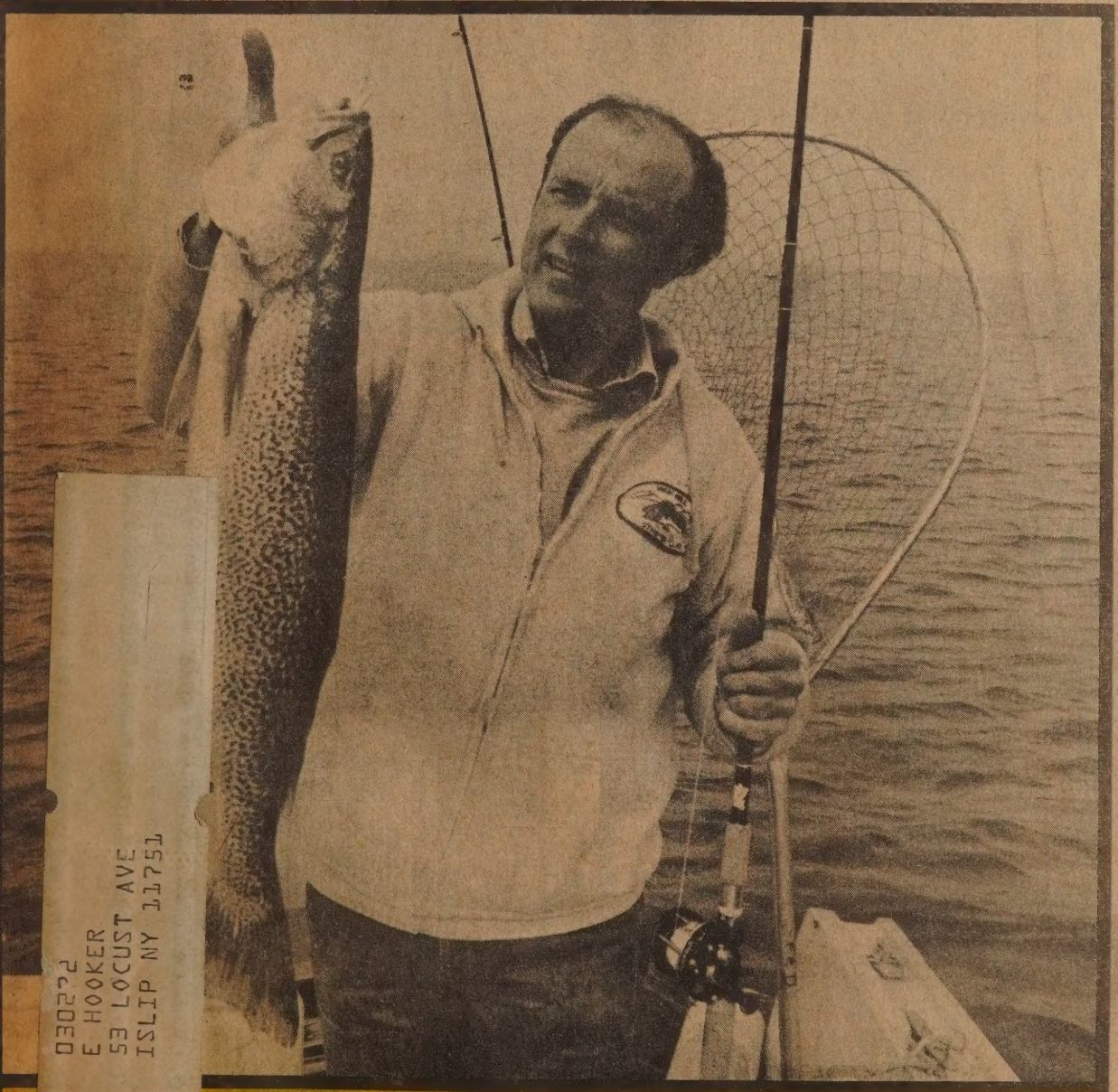

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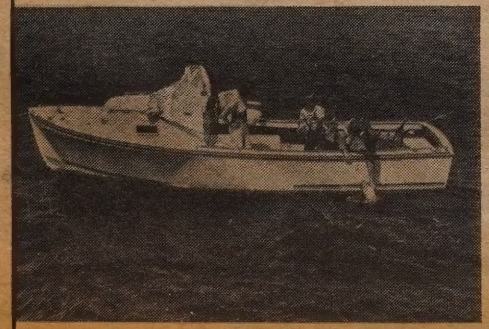

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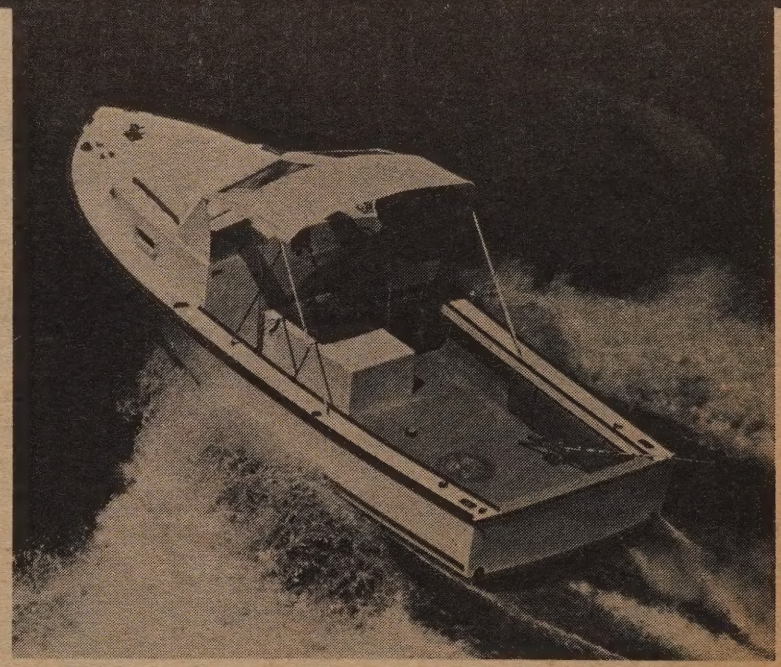

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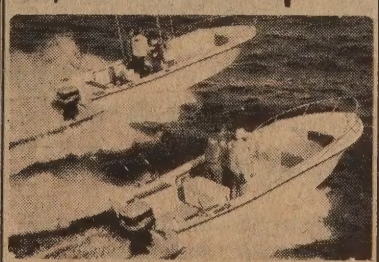

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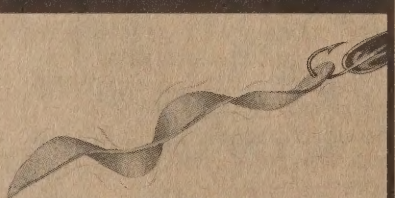

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Update on Montauk Fish Traps

Last week we left the editorial concerning the fish trap that had been constructed at North Bar at the point where the Long Island State Park Commission was still attempting to contact the owner of the trap to officially order him to remove it on the grounds that he had not obtained the required permit from the State Park Commission, which owns the bottom rights where the trap is located. During the ensuing week the individual was finally contacted and officially ordered to remove the trap but, as predicted, the party then requested to apply for the permit retroactively. The LISPC granted this request providing the application was submitted without delay, and promised us that when it is received they will take action to approve or deny it within seventy-two hours. At the time of this writing that is where the situation stands with the legal status of the trap at North Bar.

It appears at this point, however, that the commercial fishermen are doing their best to turn this minor incident into a full-blown social confrontation between commercial and sportfishermen. Rather than accept the removal of one fish trap, the Easthampton Baymen's Association appears ready to fight for their supposed "rights" to fish commercially any where and by any method they so please, regardless of how their actions interfere with the rights of others. They have sought, and appear to be receiving, the support of the Easthampton Town Board, and it appears that the removal of the fish trap at North Bar may have to be fought out in the courts. One can only wonder at the wisdom of this action because the commercial fishermen have so much more to lose than they can possibly gain. All we asked for last week was the removal of a single fish trap on the grounds that it interfered with the rights of the sportfishermen fishing in a State Park Recreation facility. Long Island has somewhere in the neighborhood of four-hundred miles of beaches and all we are asking for is that no fish traps be constructed on a five-mile stretch of beach that is so heavily fished by surffishermen.

We had nothing to say about the unknown number of fish traps on the remaining 395-plus miles of beaches. But now we are being forced to question the **entire** unregulated fish trap situation, and may perhaps feel it necessary for New York State to invoke legislation giving it authority over the construction of fish traps in all the waters of the New York Marine District, not just in the State Park complex. The reason that we may be forced to take this action is that the Army Corp of Engineers has granted another permit for a fish trap to be constructed at Shagwong Point in Montauk. Unfortunately for sportfishermen, Shagwong is located in the boundaries of Montauk County Park, which is owned by Suffolk County and not within the State Park complex. Needless to say, when the County of Suffolk purchased this property at a considerable sum it was for the purpose of being developed recreationally, and county officials did not plan on bathers and fishermen being confronted with fish traps along its beaches. As a result, Suffolk County is now investigating its rights in the matter, so the battle is now shaping up as the State of New York, Suffolk County, and almost two-and-a-half million sportfishermen against against the Easthampton Town Board and a few hundred commercial fishermen. Want to take any bets on who the losers are going to be?

Public Hearing on New Tuna Regs.

The number of difficulties that have developed within the domestic fishery over the last few years has lead the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to formulate new rules and regulations for the catching of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna. A public hearing on the proposed changes will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd, from 7 to 9 P.M. at the Holiday Inn in Plainview, which is located at the Sunnyside Boulevard Exit of the Long Island Expressway, Exit No. 46 North. Any sportfishermen that are concerned with the plight of the bluefin tuna as a result of the drastic overfishing by commercial fishermen are urged to attend this hearing and

comment on the new regulations, which generally liberalize the regulations hat sportfishermen will be fishing under this year.

Last year the regulations on sportfishermen catching bluefin tuna were as follows: there was a four fish per day per angler bag limit; one of he four fish could be a school tuna less than fourteen pounds; one of the our fish could be a medium-size tuna between 115 and 299 pounds; for giant tuna of over 300 pounds, anglers were permitted to take one per day, but a special free permit was required. Under the new proposed regulations, the four fish per day bag limit has been retained, but the provision allowing only one school tuna less than fourteen pounds will be dropped, and all 4 fish may be less than 14 pounds. This change will be particularly significant to those fishing the waters of the New York Bight, where many of the tuna caught last year fell below the old fourteen pound minimum. The present regulation that allows one fish between 115 and 299 pounds each day will be retained.

There will also be a major change in the new regulations for the taking of giant bluefin tuna over 300 pounds. Under the old regulations, although sportfishermen were only permitted to take one giant per day, they could take as many as seven in a week. This would be lowered to five giants per week, but you will be allowed to catch them all on the same day. This has the effect of liberalizing the regulations because it is doubtful that very many sportfishermen can afford to fish seven consecutive days during the relatively short time that the giants visit our waters. A permit will still be required, and the allowable catch in our area will be 300 giants, after which the season will be closed.

For those desiring more information on the new regulations being proposed, drop a line to: Director, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 14 Elm Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930. It is also recommended that those with an interest in tuna fishing receive the free monthly "Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Newsletter" which is put out by NMFS. Just write to: Bluefin Newsletter, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149 and request to be put on their mailing list.

World Series Weakfish Inning

The third inning of L.I.F.'s **Sportfishing World Series** will be held Saturday, May 26th. The target species for this inning is weakfish, with a seven pound minimum weight established for eligible fish. In order to participate you do not have to fill out any entry forms or pay any entry fee, all you have to do is be a current subscriber of the Long Island Fisherman. On the date of each inning, just go after the "target" species and weigh in the largest one you catch at one of the many L.I.F. Official Weigh-Stations located all over Long Island. (See list on page 62.) The twenty-five largest fish weighed in will earn points, and at the end of the nine innings the anglers with the five highest accumulated point totals will win the World Series. The Prizes are: First Place, $500 cash; Second Place, $250 cash; Third Place, $150 cash; Fourth Place, $100 cash; and Fifth Place, $50 cash. Even if you don't win a cash prize, you will still receive an **L.I.F. Skillful Angling Award** Certificate and an embroidered patch.

The first inning of the World Series was for codfish, but the weather on April 14th left much to be desired and no entries were received as a result. The second inning for flounder held on May 5th wasn't much better, but two anglers did manage to catch flounder above the two-pound minimum weight and are now the only leaders in the contest. Subscriber Dom Siano of Sag Harbor is in first place with the 25 points he earned by catching a 2 lb. 10 oz. flounder and weighing it in at Noyac Marina. Jodi Langel of Ossining, N.Y. is in second place with 24 points earned by the 2 lb. 1 ounce flounder weighed in at Skidmore's Fishing Station in Moriches Bay. So if you haven't weighed in a fish yet you aren't far behind...just catch a weakfish over 7 pounds on May 26th and you may be in the running. The dates and target species for the rest of the innings are: Inning Four, June 16th, Striped Bass, min. wt. 25 pounds; Inning Five, July 7th, Fluke, min. wt. 6 pounds; Inning Six, July 28th, Bluefish, min. wt. 10 pounds; Inning Seven, August 18th, Offshore; Inning Eight, September 15th, Fishing Rodeo; and Inning Nine, October 6th, Blackfish, min. wt. 6 pounds. For further details of the rules of the contest, see L.I.F. Issue Number 14, dated April 5th, 1979. Good luck!

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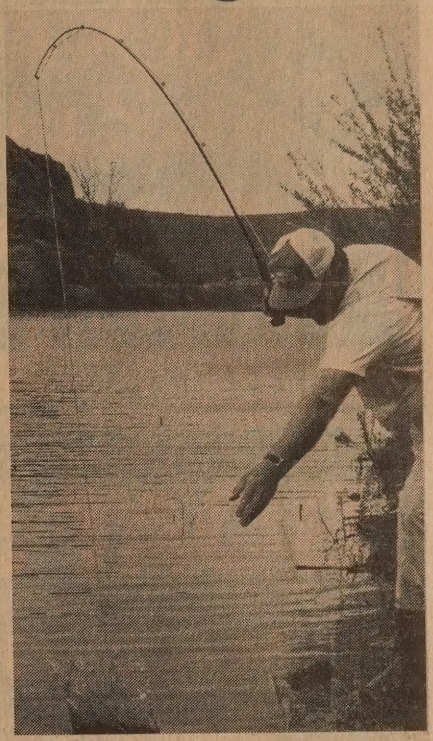

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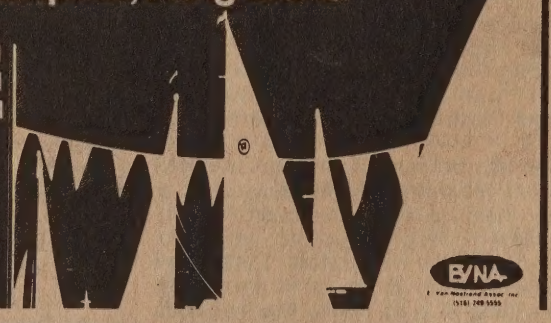

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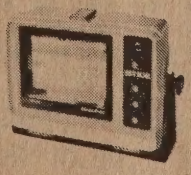

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The House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee today adopted an amendment by Congressman Gerry E. Studds, D-Mass., authorizing a $4.75 million three-year study of the steady decline in the striped bass population.

The Studds amendment, attached to the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, permits up to $1 million in FY 1980, $1.75 million in 1981, and $2 million in 1982 to be spent assessing the size of the current bass population and determining the causes for the rapid decline of that population in recent years.

In particular, the amendment directs that the effects of pollutants on bass larvae and eggs must be carefully studied. According to Mr. Studds, a great many marine biologists have suggested that pollution in Chesapeake Bay tributaries, where ninety percent of the stripers on the East Coast incubate, has been large responsible for devastating the bass population in recent years.

In explaining the necessity for such a study, Mr. Studds pointed out that nearly one-third of all sport fish landed on the East Coast are stripers. "When the amount spent on gear, transportation, and lodging by sportsmen fishing for stripers is added to the value of those stripers sold commercially, it is clear that striped bass fisheries have an annual value of several hundred million dollars—in addition to their incalculable recreational value."

Mr. Studds explained that both fishermen and marine biologists have become extremely concerned in recent years over the significant decline in the striped bass population. "In the Chesapeake Bay area, scientists now agree that a bass population boom generally occurs every six years. However, that boom is now at least two years overdue."

Mr. Studds quoted John N. Cole in his recent book, "Striper":

More and more striper watchers are waiting for the boom which has not yet come, but the latest news from the Chesapeake is glum indeed. Not only have billions of larval bass failed to survive, but they have died in such huge numbers that there are scarcely any new bass joining the schools of their brethren ... (Maryland State Fisheries Biologist) Joe Boone reported fewer bass fry in his research seine than he had ever counted before, and he has been making the surveys since 1958.

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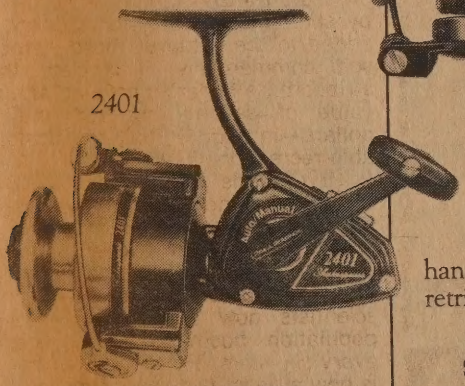

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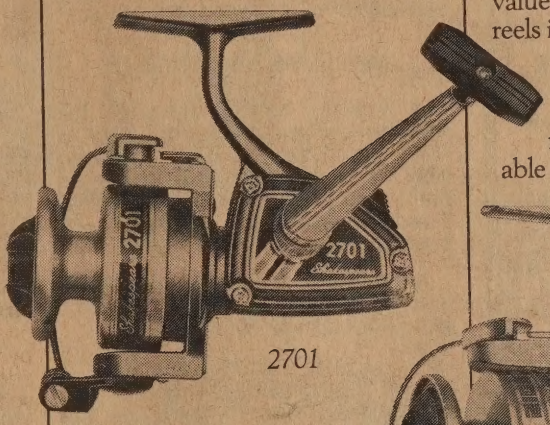

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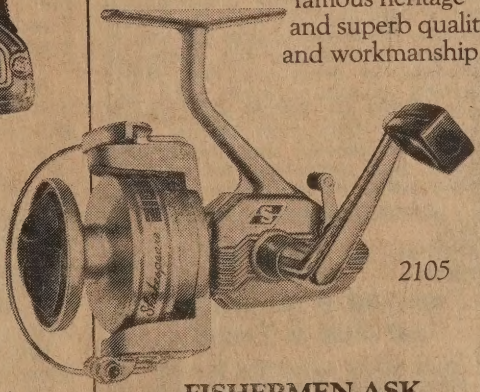

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that Mr. Cole has predicted that, at the current rate of decline, the striped bass will have vanished as a viable species within the next ten years. "Clearly," Mr. Studds stated, "the effects both on commercial and recreational fishing would be devastating if such a population decrease were allowed to continue unchecked.

"For many years," Mr. Studds said, "the striper has provided economic, physical and spiritual nourishment for millions of people. Now, ironically and tragically, it is threatened by the toxic effluents of man's industry and agriculture. By learning more about the effects upon stripers of those toxins—many of which we carry in our own bodies—we can protect the bass population from further decimation and allow it to return to its former levels."

(The Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, including the Studds amendment, has now been sent to the full House of Representatives for further action. The Senate version of the bill, containing a similar striped bass amendment offered by Senator John Chafee, R-R.I., is currently being considered by a Senate committee.)

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The monthly recycle drive of the Marine Environmental Council of Long Island will be held Saturday, May 19, from 10AM to 4PM, at the Pathmark parking field on Merrick Road in Seaford. Look for the Ecology Flag.

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Getting rid of most line twist is not too difficult. If it occurs in the final couple of yards of line, put the reel in free-spool, let the twisted portion run out beyond the tiptop of the rod, set the brake or drag, and raise the rod tip as high as possible. The weight of the lure or bait should force it to unwind and straighten out.

If the twist extends well up the line, as is usually the case, a moving boat or moving water is the best "tool" for removing it. Take all rigs, hooks, weights, etc., off the line. If you're in a boat, let the line out and troll the bare line in the water for a few minutes. If you're fishing from a stream bank or a jetty with a strong current running, just let out the bare line and the current should untwist it.

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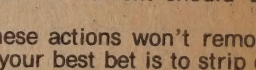

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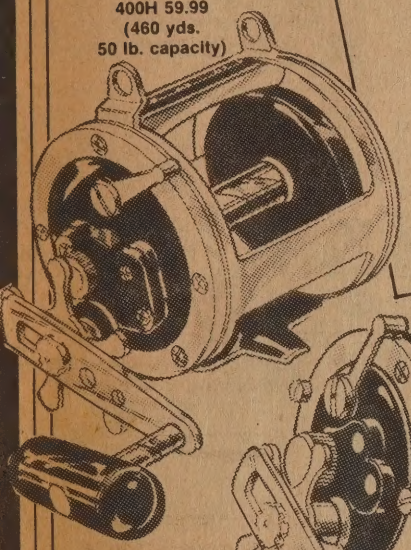

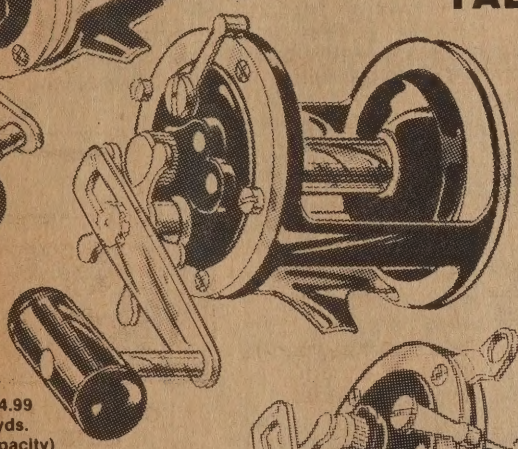

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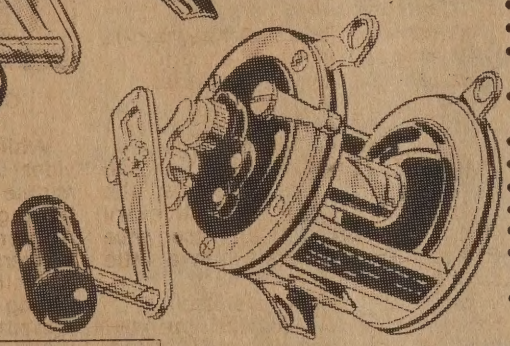

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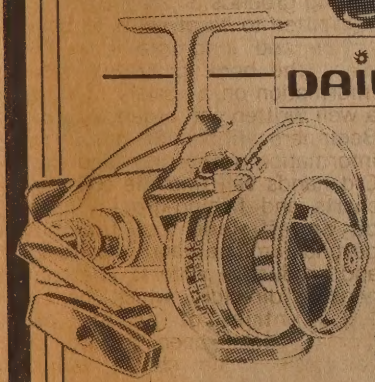

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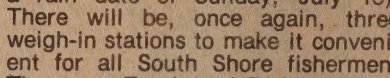
Contests & Tournaments

CHOPPER ROUNDUP SET FOR JULY 14TH

Amity Harbor Fishing Club would like to announce its sponsoring of the Annual Bluefish Tournament. Our 8th Annual Chopper Roundup will be held Saturday, July 14 (with a rain date of Sunday, July 15). There will be, once again, three weigh-in stations to make it convenient for all South Shore fishermen. They are: Frank and Dick's at Fire Island Inlet; Charvins at Jones Inlet, and Hennings at Debbs Inlet.

Winners are determined from the ten heaviest fish checked in per boat.

Ladies are most welcome in this tournament. For more information, please contact Bob Braun, Chopper Roundup Chairman, 394 W. Windsor Pkwy., Oceanside, NY. 516-536-7327.



CLUB NEWS

SURFSIDE 3 TUNA CLUB

Surfside 3 Tuna Club held their annual summer Flounder Derby, and with the help of "Gentleman Jim" at Coors Mariner's Cove in Hampton Bays, it was a very successful one, as it is every year.

This year's winners were: Conrad Mouti—2 lbs. ¼ oz., $50 prize; Woody Bradley—2 lbs. 1 oz., $30 prize, and Bill Glanti—1 lb. 7 oz., $10 prize.

The Fishing Committee in charge would like to thank everyone for their participation to make it a success.

BOATING

INTERMEDIATE SIZED BOATS REIGN SUPREME AT EASTERN L.I. BOAT SHOW

Intermediate sized boats will be the dominant factor in a survey of the local marinas that will participate in the Eastern Long Island Boat Show at Southampton College, May 18-20, 1979.

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Show hours will be 11AM to 9PM on Friday and Saturday and 1PM to 6PM on Sunday. Admission for adults is $3.25 with children under 12 entering for $1.75.

CORRECTION ON BOATING PARADE

In your April 19, 1979 Issue (Vol. 14, No. 16), you printed verbatim a letter which was intended as a personal invitation to you with reference to the 1979 Division XI Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Parade which will take place on June 23, 1979.

While we would certainly like to have the staff of the LIF present and participating, it should be made abundantly clear to the general public that we cannot provide them with the "security and taxi service" or "air pickup" as printed in the original letter.

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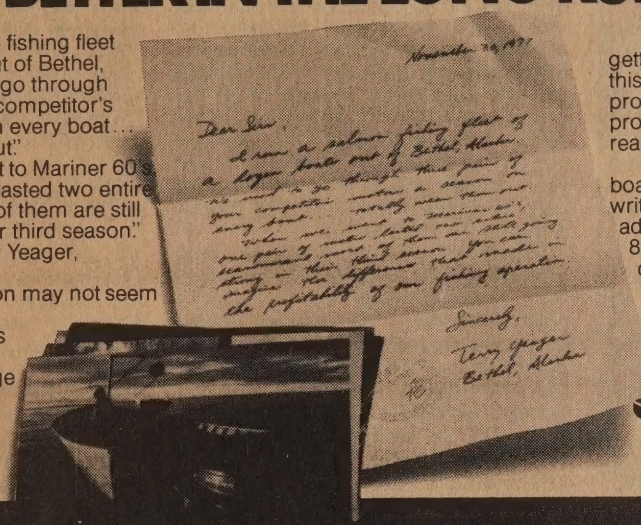

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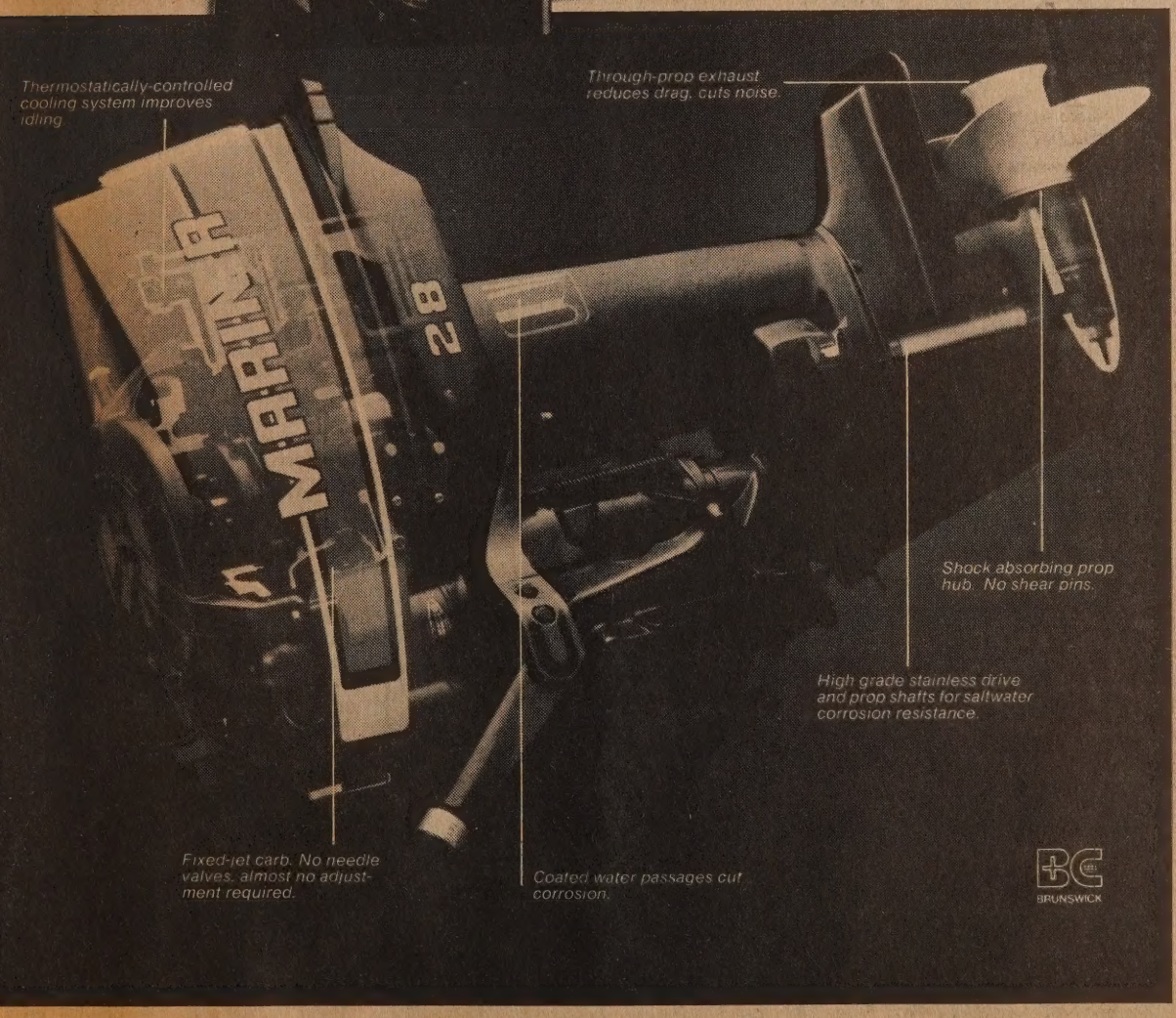
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NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
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Striped Bass Situation Clarified at SOS Rally

The striped bass rally held at the VFW Hall in Hicksville on May 4 drew a small, but vocal crowd of striper enthusiasts. Long after the formal discussions were over, they kept Mike Leverone, coordinator of the State/Federal Striped Bass Program, busy with questions. All the information provided pointed to possible serious problems with the striped bass population, but no definite indication that there is a real danger to the species. This was pretty much summed up by Leverone's response to the question posed by SOS President Bob Rance as to whether he regarded the striped bass situation as "critical." Leverone wouldn't accept that drastic a description, but felt it was accurate to consider the species "in trouble."

Leverone noted that most scientists credit Chesapeake Bay with producing seventy-five to eighty-five percent of the migrating striped bass population. The most productive grounds are at the head of the Bay and account for about forty percent of the total. Except for the prohibition on the taking of striped bass over fifteen pounds, only since last year has there been a real effort to impose restrictions on these priceless spawning grounds at the critical periods during the spring. After far below average spawning years in 1975, 1976 and 1977, the survival rate returned to "average" last year. Whether the new restrictions helped produce this result is strictly a matter of speculation.

Charts of both commercial landings and the Maryland Index of Young-of-Year Bass showed clearly how dependent the fishery is on dominant year classes. This was first demonstrated in 1934, and has more recently been displayed by big year classes in 1956, 1958, 1961, 1964, and 1970. In every case, the commercial catches hit peaks three years after the dominant year class was spawned. The 1970 class provided the biggest commercial catch ever—almost 15,000,000 pounds in 1973. Since then, the market catch has declined precipitously, falling to less than 5,000,000 pounds in 1978, despite ever-increasing pressure. Certainly, this decline is the greatest ever experienced, but there could be many factors involved that make the statistics misleading. For instance, there is no question but that the 1970 year class has been fished harder than any previous year class. There are many more recreational fishermen now than in the Sixties, and a far greater percentage that know how to catch stripers. In addition, the market price is four to five times as high on the average now as it was just a few years ago. This has resulted in intense commercial pressure even in the face of declining catches.

As Mike Leverone pointed out, the 1978 commercial catch isn't far below the thirty year average for which the statistics are somewhat reliable—despite the fact that the catch has declined 68% from the historic high in 1973. The real problem lies in the distribution of that catch. Small stripers have become very scarce, while large bass make up almost the entire catch now. Bob Pond produced statistics from Massachusetts which indicated that bass over fifteen pounds constituted only 43% of the catch in 1975, but amounted to 80% last year! Indeed, the "average" size of the Massachusetts catch last year was twenty-four pounds!

Spawning success in the Chesapeake is obviously the critical factor in this equation. The question is, "what can we do about it?" Unfortunately, there is no clear answer to that problem. Though recreational statistics are lacking, it is suspected that the sportsmen's catch is at least two to three times that reported on the commercial markets. In order for restrictions to be successful, they will have to involve both the sport and commercial catch. A look at the statistics does seem to indicate that the overall pressure on the species is such that the fishery can only be truly successful in the presence of a dominant year class.

Spawning success in the Chesapeake from 1971-1974 was "average," but this wasn't nearly good enough to slow down the steep decline that occurred when the "cream of the crop" was taken from the 1970 class. Of course, another dominant year class will solve our problem—but there isn't a thing we can do to bring about such a class. Dominant year classes seem to be primarily related to proper environmental conditions; and there isn't necessarily any relationship between the number of eggs produced, quantity of fry resulting, and the eventual survival of fingerlings.

What then can we do? The greatest need is for research into the

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environmental conditions in the spawning areas that are necessary in order to produce the required dominant year classes. Once we understand just what is required there may well be actions we can take to optimize the environment in the spawning areas. In the meantime, we are dealing with a rapidly declining adult population, and catch restrictions may well make sense at this time. The striped bass is a fish with a long life cycle and adult natural mortality is relatively low. Many of the Citizens' Advisory Committees working under the State/Federal Striped Bass Program have opted for a twenty-four inch limit in coastal waters and fourteen inches in nursery areas. They further endorse a four fish per man limit in coastal waters (usually bigger fish) and eight per man in nursery waters. As female stripers mature at various times between ages three to five, the twenty-four inch limit would ensure that all had a chance to spawn at least once—and also would provide a harvesting size that would make some sense in terms of protein production.

The exception for nursery areas would provide for the different nature of the fishery in those areas. The increase from twelve to fourteen inches in the minimum size would be a great help to the fishery, as this would allow all male fish (which are smaller and usually stay near the spawning areas, rather than migrating) to spawn at least once. Best of all, it would provide a more logical harvesting size. As Mike Leverone pointed out, the commercial catch in Chesapeake Bay took a tremendous jump in 1957, when Maryland increased the size limit from eleven to twelve inches. The same thing could be expected with adoption of the fourteen inch limit, but most commercial fishermen in the spawning areas can't understand the logic of that proposition. Leverone was a little skeptical about the possibilities of getting progressive legislation through the Maryland Legislature due to the power of Maryland's commercial fishermen. However, he did feel that the waters there are today in much better shape than they were in 1970 and is still hopeful that Nature will bail us out of our present difficulties. In the meantime, there is little positive to report from this spring's fishing in Maryland. Commercial catches of stripers are very poor, and the hatchery experiment tried by the baymen has been a failure so far. Indeed, Leverone discouraged any thought of using hatcheries to supplement the natural population. He pointed out that all the fingerlings produced by the State and Federal hatcheries now wouldn't even increase the natural production of an "average" year very much.

The State/Federal Striped Bass Program hopes to have a preliminary management plan put together in about a year. After that, it will go to public hearings, and the eventual revised document will then go to the states for implementation. Whether all the States will agree to accept whatever is proposed is just guess work at this time. What is sure is that a comprehensive coastwise plan to deal with the striped bass resource is still many years away. In the meantime, many State Citizens' Advisory Committees are trying to get their recommendations implemented on a state by state basis.

Chafee Striped Bass Bill Needs Support

Much to everyone's surprise, the Emergency Striped Bass Act proposed by Senator John Chafee (R-R.I.) has moved along very quickly. His Bill #S-838 authorizes $6,750,000 in Federal funds to be spent over the next several years, with participating states contributing over $1,000,000 in additional funding. The bill directs the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service to cooperate with the states to determine: (a) the status of the striped bass population along the Atlantic Coast, and (b) the causes of the decline in that population. Mike Leverone was very enthusiastic about this bill, as it has the potential of providing a

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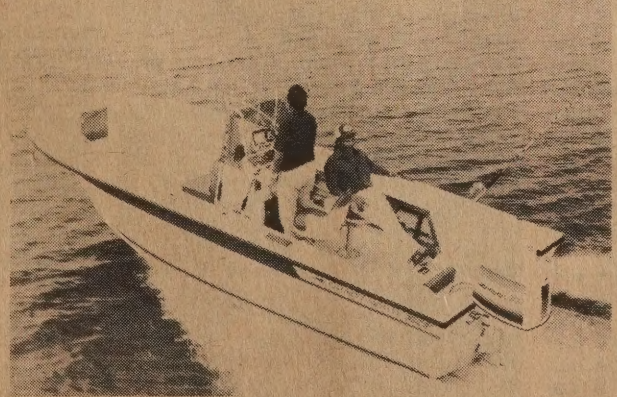

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE

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FRESH MACKEREL IS OF THE ESSENCE

Now that mackerel season is on, for those of us lucky enough to have an angler in the family, or to have a friend who has an over-abundance and gifts us with some fish, it's time to think about preparing this tasty fish in the best ways possible.

Some people don't seem to care for the flavor of mackerel and since I have sometimes had it and not liked it and at other times found it quite delicious, I tried to determine the reasons why. I came to some conclusions that I think are the root of the mackerel controversy. Extremely fresh mackerel, properly prepared, is great. Not very fresh, or frozen mackerel, have a flavor that sometimes verges on being downright unpleasant.

Outlining the train of thought that led me to my conclusions, I must start by pointing out that mackerel is a very oily fish. This oiliness is the prime cause of decay in improperly cared for fish. Decaying flesh can lead to an off-taste and in some cases, complete spoilage. Oily fish don't freeze as well as the dry types like cod or halibut and so, for maximum flavor, cook your mackerel fresh. Some people may say that they have had mackerel that was frozen, then defrosted and cooked and it tasted just fine. If they did, the reason is that they were frozen when absolutely fresh and at a very low temperature—as in flash freezing. It's worthwhile to note that it takes longer for an oily fish to become frozen solid than a dry type because of the fat content. If you gut and chill mackerel properly and then flash freeze it, the results may be fine. But, if the fish you get are from an uncertain source and you are unsure of how they have been treated, your best bet is to cook them right away.

The lack of freshness in gift fish you receive sometimes should not be blamed on the angler, though. When the mackerel are hitting, there just isn't time to do much more than pull 'em in and pile 'em up. On a hot summer day, when there's no break in the action when you can gut your fish, this can really be a problem. If you can at least ice them, this will help a great deal. A point that should be emphasized here is that I'm talking about a difference in flavor and not a question of edibility. Your nose will be your best guide in determining whether the fish is edible or not, but mackerel that have been quickly gutted, bled, and chilled will have a definite edge as far as flavor goes. If you think this doesn't make any difference, try handling your catch this way sometime and then taste the difference.

Mackerel roe, by the way, is also edible and very tasty. Unfortunately, it's also quite perishable. If you have no way to chill your fish, discard the roe when you clean them as it may well be spoiled by the time you get home.

Now that we've covered all the picky point of preserving the catch, here are some really "different" ways to prepare the "big mac."

Finnish Cold Spiced Mackerel

This is an old family favorite, which in Finland, would be made with fresh herring. We find it tastes just as good made with mackerel. Stored in the fridge, in a covered dish, it will keep for a week or so.

Cut 1 lb. of mackerel fillets in one inch pieces. Layer the pieces in a glass or ceramic vessel (do not use metal) with thin onion slices. Bring one cup of white vinegar to a boil in a saucepan and add 1/2 cup water, 1/4 cup sugar, 10 whole allspice, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 bay leaf and 1 teaspoon dill seed. Simmer this mixture for ten minutes, then allow it to cool until lukewarm. Pour the liquid over the fish and onions. Cover the container and store it in the fridge for at least one day before serving. This makes a tasty cocktail tidbit.

Sweet and Sour Mackerel

This sounds like an odd combination, but the taste is super!

Dredge 2 lbs. of mackerel fillets with flour and brown them in oil. About two minutes per side is enough to turn them golden without overcooking them. Drain the fish on paper toweling and keep warm while you make the sauce by heating 2 tsps. of olive oil in a skillet and browning 2 culps of thinly sliced onions for three minutes or so. Whe the onions are limp and golden, stir in 1/2 cup vinegar, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/4 cup fresh mint. Boil the mixture briefly, then salt to taste and return the fish to the skillet. Simmer for 8 to 10 mins. and then serve hot or lukewarm.

Fried Mackerel with Mustard Sauce

This recipe is simplicity in itself, but the sauce puts it in the "special" category.

Dredge some mackerel fillets with flour, salt and pepper and fry them in 1/2 inch of oil until golden brown. Drain the fillets on paper toweling and keep them warm while you prepare the sauce.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a saucepan and then add 1 small, peeled and diced onion. Saute the onion golden, then stir in 2 tablespoons flour. Simmer for five mins., stirring constantly. Do this over a very low flame. Gradually beat in 1 cup of milk until the sauce is smooth and well blended. Season the sauce by adding one tablespoon sharp mustard and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for a minute or so and serve with the browned fillets.

Mackerel in White Wine Sauce

This one's been a family favorite for years and makes a great appetizer.

Dredge 2 lbs. of mackerel fillets in seasoned flour and fry them in olive oil until golden brown. Saute one small, minced onion in 2 tablespoons olive oil until soft, then add 1 tablespoon white vinegar and 3/4 cups white wine. Simmer this mixture until it's reduced by 1/3. Add 2 peeled and crushed cloves of garlic and 4 fresh mint leaves. Let this liquid cool until lukewarm, then pour it over the browned fillets and let them marinate in the refrigerator for several hours or overnight before serving.

Baked Stuffed Mackerel

Use a medium-sized or large mackerel for this and adjust the amount of stuffing accordingly.

The basic proportions are as follows: 2 cups bread crumbs, 1 medium sized, peeled and minced onion, 1 cup chopped celery, 1/2 cup melted butter, 1 tsp. salt, 1 pinch each of thyme and sage, and a dash of pepper. Mix all the stuffing ingredients well and stuff the cavity of the fish. You may pull out the backbone first for ease in serving, and to make more room for the stuffing. Close the cavity with skewers or toothpicks and lay a few slices of lean bacon over the fish. Put it on a greased rack in a roasting pan into which you have placed 1/2 inch of water. Bake at 300° for 1 hr., basting from time to time. The cooking time will vary somewhat according to the size of the fish; so check often to make sure it doesn't get overdone.

Greek Baked Mackerel

With two types of olives, this dish is colorful and piquant. It's also quite simple to prepare.

Prepare two small mackerel for baking by pulling out the backbones and trimming off the fins and tails. Chop up twelve green olives and stuff them into the cavities of the fish. Brush a baking dish with oil and lay the mackerel in it. Surround them with 1/2 cup of chopped ripe olives. Season with salt and pepper and a dash of lemon juice. Drizzle 1 tsp. more oil on top of the fish and

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FISH TALK
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WEDDINGS & BIG BASS

LINESIDE MANIA! The poets say that spring is the time when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love; but here on Long Island many of our young fishermen turn to thoughts of the big striped bass. Each of us has our preferred season and on the whole, it would seem that most of us find the fall months of September and October to be the best for big bass. Still, there are a few among our ranks who wait patiently for the spring. For those who seek a trophy in the fall, we have the spring and summer activities to keep our minds busy, but the man, or lady, who waits for spring must endure the entire winter doldrums. We received an excited letter the other day from Tony DeBianco, whose name we have heard touted on the beach as belonging to one of Long Island's best bass sharpshooters. He said, "I don't usually talk a lot about the fish I catch, but this time I had to make an exception. Every winter I plan my spring trips carefully because I find that from mid-May to late June is my best chance for big bass. I catch my share too, but you know there's always something that prevents the dreams from coming true completely. Well, not this year! I like to use fresh mackerel for those spring lunkers and this year was no exception as I headed down to the beach with six of the nicest mackerel a slab thrower could hope for. I cast out the first fillet and before I could rig the other rod, the first went down. On the beach that fish weighed in at a beautiful forty-two pounds. That, all by itself, would not warrant a letter from me under normal circumstances, but I followed up with four more from twenty-six to thirty-eight pounds!"

NOT ALONE! Tony is not the only guy who succeeds regularly with big bass using mackerel. Of course, Tony didn't want to tell us the exact location of the catch, nor the tide that worked for him; yet our experience would suggest that he was somewhere in the Gilgo area when he made his score. The art, and indeed it is an art, of using mackerel in the spring is a proven one. Not a few anglers are known to drift a chunk of mackerel at Democrat Point and more than one boat fisherman will try to swim a live mackerel in the western part of Long Island Sound if he or she can find both the live mackerel and the big bass to eat them. In Tony's case, I think that he let a little more out of the bag than he intended because he did mention that he threw out a mackerel fillet and that may be significant. I remember fishing from the beach a few years back with plugs, when a fellow pulled up in his boat. This was in Long Island Sound, so that he was able to anchor just about a cast off the beach in the calm surf. I had been catching "zip" in spite of the fact that I knew there were big bass around since the spot had produced more than one nice bass for me over the years in early June. He threw a slab of bait out behind the boat no more than fifty feet behind the stern. Well, I don't think that I have to finish the story. He took several nice bass and one good blue to boot! I thought at the time that the bait was probably bunker, but a friend who fished the same spot a few nights later clued me in. Sure enough, the same guy was anchored up and catching good sized bass. Well, one of his fillets must have come off the hook and drifted to shore, because my friend came across it. It was a mackerel fillet!

DON'T FREEZE THAT MACK! Those who are so expert with taking bass on mackerel caution not to freeze the fish. John Temple from Cold Spring Harbor wrote last year to point out that "If it isn't fresh, it isn't worth a damn. The hardest part of the whole business is to catch the mackerel. As plentiful as they seem to be in season, when you need them desperately for bait, they're nowhere to be found! The man who wants to use fresh mackerel had better keep tabs on where they are and play his best percentages." For the surf nuts in our family, that means almost with certainty that we had better either get a boat or get real friendly with somebody who does own a boat. There are a few of us who can regularly find mackerel from the beach, but that's a rarity—although it can be done more frequently in the Sound than elsewhere.

INCIDENTALLY! The mackerel should be spawning soon in our waters and let's hope that they have another great spawning year to equal or exceed last year's magnificent one. The stocks of mackerel are no doubt down after years of overfishing by the foreign fleets. The 200-Mile Limit regulations have strictly reduced both the amounts and times for mackerel fishing. Thus, it is believed that the foreign fleets are not taking nearly as many macks as they once did and that's good news for the boat fishermen, as well as the surf casters and tackle manufacturers. Mackerel are big news and we enjoy them because they are so eager to cooperate. In addition, their presence attracts bass, blues, and weaks who feed on the parents as well as the juveniles later in the summer. The bays, inlets, and the Sound was filled with tinker mackerel last year and we can only hope for a repeat of that, as many anglers enjoyed productive hours spent catching all three game fish which worked over huge schools of tinker macks.

LOOK FOR THOSE RIPE FISH. Anyway, while you're out fishing for mackerel, look for ripe fish. You can identify them rather easily. They will be plump fish: not forward towards the head as they would be if they had filled their stomachs, but rather towards the mid-section of the body where reproductive glands will be swollen with eggs and sperm. If you catch a ripe male and squeeze the belly gently, a white fluid should come out. This is called milt and it is a precious fluid that contains the

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sperm to fertilize the next generation. When you squeeze a ripe female, she will release lots of eggs. Some people relish the roe of ripe spring fish as a delicacy. I remember that my grandmother used to like flounder roe and I have seen people meet the incoming boats at liveries in Great South Bay and Peconic Bay eager to purchase only the weakfish roe. As I recall, my grandmother enjoyed the roe simply fried gently in butter, but I'm sure many of you have your own favorite ways of preparation. Why not drop us a line and we will share your favorite recipes with others.

RECORD WEAKFISH! I honestly believe that the period between mid-May and early July will produce several record weakfish. The fish are getting bigger and bigger and it just has to happen. I don't think that this time it will be a guy like Doc Grell, whose incredible skill and knack for taking outsized fish is well known to all the readers of The Fisherman. No, I don't think so and neither do some of our readers. Paul Magnuson writes: "Your column has interested me for sometime and I thought I would write about an idea that I had after last year's experience at Cape Cod. I'm sure that all of your readers know by now that the last several years has seen some of the greatest fishing for big bass that anyone can know. I saw it for myself last June. I have never caught a big bass before, and after reading articles in the Salt Water Sportsman and The Long Island Fisherman, I figured that I had better go up there and try it before there were no more bass around to catch. I mean the 'scarce bass' stories in the paper had me worried. I told my wife that this might be the last chance of a lifetime. So, up I go to the Cape. The fishing was so great that a forty pound bass didn't even raise an eyebrow, a fifty was worth a small comment, and in order to get anyone excited you had to catch a sixty. I can assure you that I am not much of an expert surf fisherman, but in one week I took five bass from twenty-five to forty-eight pounds! And that wasn't really very good, and that brings me to the point of this letter. While I was there I saw little old ladies with only the simplest of tackle take three times the number of fish as I could manage. Sure, the local experts did really well, too; but it was the novices who seemed to take the huge bass. The little old lady I mentioned before, for example, caught a fish that weighed sixty-six pounds, and do you know what she did with that fish? You or I would have put it on the wall, but not her—she sold it! I started thinking about weakfish this winter. Now, I'm not too bad at catching those things. The thought occurred to me that with the weaks getting bigger and bigger, that this year surely somebody is going to make an impressive catch, if there is such a thing as a twenty pound weak swimming around out there and somebody should catch it, I hope that they mount it instead of selling it so that we can all share in the glory of that fish."

I CAN RELATE TO THAT! Indeed it is easy for me to feel the same way that Paul does about the magnificence that is a big fish. I guess in the purest terms possible, we should release such a fish so that it can swim to fight another day; but on the other hand, it is a joy to share such a catch. I remember when somebody brought a mount of the Hussey bluefish into the office of The Long Island Fisherman. That blue was about thirty-one pounds and everybody in the office was impressed and I don't think that any of us is likely to forget it too quickly. Well, regardless of what might happen to any record fish, at least let's try to take a picture of it before it meets its final ending.

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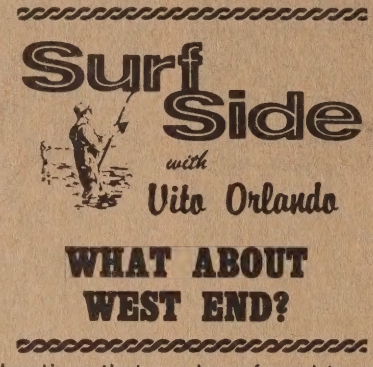
I first began fishing at West End during those "Golden bass" years of the middle Sixties. That's when the multitudes of tinker mackerel were commonplace on the Long Island fishing scene. In fact, this was one of the main reasons why I finally bought an old car. Not having to depend upon anyone for transportation, I slowly began leaving the tranquility of Plum Beach, and headed eastward. Since those days some fourteen years ago had been very productive for me, there is a very special place in my heart for this shore line. I have returned many times since those productive years and have still found that West End is one of the better surf fishing locations on the Island. When West End is mentioned in fishing circles, many an eyebrow is raised. Just where at West End? In the front on the ocean side, by the jetty in the pocket, on the jetty, by the Radio Shack, on the bar or at the Coast Guard Station? As you can now see, there are quite a few locations that can be referred to as West End. I will attempt to touch on each area, and the methods used to fish them.



Starting at what is called "the front" (in front of the parking lot facing the ocean), an I extending westward (to your right) flows some very productive waters. Beginning early in June and continuing through mid-November, many decent sized fish are taken along this stretch of beach. While the pluggers take their share here, most of the bass and blues come from the bottom fishermen. Maybe because it's a short walk from the car, so many more bottom fishermen can be found here.

When bottom fishing at this location, a fish finder rig should be used. Four or five ounce pyramid sinkers, plus 5/0 to 6/0 Eagle Claw bait holder hooks with cork attached to the leader should also be used for the bass. Sandworms can be used early in the season on this type of rig. Bunker chunks fished at night during the warmer months and day or night during the fall will produce big bass and blues. Eels can also be cast from this shore line. The above-mentioned rig is a good one to use for bass while using bunker chunks—except go to a larger 7/0 Eagle Claw hook. However, when bluefish are around and you have your bunker out, I would suggest using the following rig. An ordinary dark 7/0 bluefish hook with approximately four inches of dark wire attached to one end, and a black swivel attached to the other end of the wire. Don't get too confused, for these type hooks can be easily purchased at most tackle stores. In fact, they are the same hooks that the party boat captains will use when chumming bluefish. Attach two-and-a-half feet of forty to fifty pound monofilament leader to the swivel and then place a large cork float onto this leader. This rig will help prevent the bluefish from biting through your line. Carry a few of each of the two mentioned rigs just to be safe. For use with eels, try a 5/0 or 6/0 Siwash hook attached to a fifty pound monofilament leader.

Another item that you will need is a sand spike; one of three feet long if you have. Be aware that you will be fishing the ocean and not the quiet waters of an inlet, so your tackle should be geared towards those needs.

There is plenty of room to spread out here, so don't crowd your neighbor. If you want to plug this area, use Jr. Atoms, seven inch Rebels and Red-Fins at night. Poppers, tins—such as the Striper Swiper—and Hopkins can be used during the daylight.

The best wind appears to be a south or southwest; however, other winds can also be productive.

The Jetty. The jetty will lie to the west of the parking area. It is about a ten minute walk which can be made into an effective trip by plugging your way there. About every one hundred feet or so make a few casts, but keep in mind not to interfere with the bottom fishermen whose lines will be in the water, and may be difficult to see—especially at night. As you near the jetty, you may notice a pocket that forms a short distance from the beach. It will extend almost to the tip of the jetty. I have found that large Rebels and Red-Fins along with the Jr. Atom will produce in this pocket at night. During the daytime, use poppers such as the Striper Swiper, or tins such as the Hopkins. If you intend to fish the jetty, keep an eye on the moon phases and the wind conditions. During a full moon period, I would suggest staying on dry land. The same applies for times when there is a strong south, southwest, or southeast wind, or at other times when the tide is high incoming. Many times during these conditions the fish will be close to the beach anyway. The jetty is also in very poor condition, since the many winter storms that we have been experiencing recently have taken their toll. If you still want to live dangerously, don't forget to wear a good pair of creepers on your feet. I don't suggest that you wear waders as they will only inhibit your mobility and can be very dangerous should you happen to fall into the strong currents of this area. A long handled gaff should be carried so that you don't have to get too close to the waterline to gaff a fish. One last word about the jetty. DO NOT step on any dark colored patches that may appear on the rocks—wet, slippery moss gives this appearance at night.

Radio Shack. During the past years, especially if you are a constant reader of The Long Island Fisherman, you would have read about the Radio Shack. This Shack lies on the jetty, north (rear of) the ocean. However, sand will border one side of these rocks, while the quick waters of the inlet borders the other. When walking these rocks toward the Shack, Point Lookout will appear to your left.

The waters around this structure are very productive for the plug caster. Keep in mind though, that the light touch is usually required here. Five inch Rebels, Red-Fins, and one to one-and-a-half ounce Hopkins or Kastmasters can be very effective here. During the fall, when baby bunker are around, a small Atom or Mirro-Lure will work well. The high incoming and high outgoing tides prove best. There are sand bars that lie between the deep water and the jetty at this point. On the rising tides, bait is swept into the slough-way near these rocks. During the fall of the year, bluefish can be depended upon to inhabit the channel and can easily be taken on plugs. However, when this happens, heavy tackle is often required. I have found that about the only wind that will actually hamper the fishing is a very strong west wind.

The Bar. North of the Radio Shack, you will notice that low tide exposes a sand bar. From this bar, a great many fish are taken each year. This is especially true of the quiet summer nights. The last three hours of the outgoing tide are best. Use the tide chart for Jones Inlet to plan your trips here. Again, the five inch Rebel and Red-Fin prove best, along with the small Mirro-Lure and one ounce Atom. The Mirro-Lure is especially effective on weakfish here. During the fall months you can go to heavier tackle as darters and bottle plugs become more effective. Any gentle to moderate wind is good. Again, a strong westerly wind is no good.

Walk to the Back. Directly north (behind) of the parking lot is a small stretch of beach. It lies just west (to left) of the Coast Guard Station. You must cross the highway and walk through a short patch of weeds to find it. During the summer months, especially on windless nights, insect repellent is a must here. Once again, the last three hours of the outgoing tide is best. Five inch Rebels and Red-Fins, along with the Mirro-Lure and small Atom are again effectively used here.

Nighttime outproduces the daylight hours in this location. A gentle wind is best here. If the breeze is too strong from a northerly direction, this area will not produce as there will be a great amount of eel grass in

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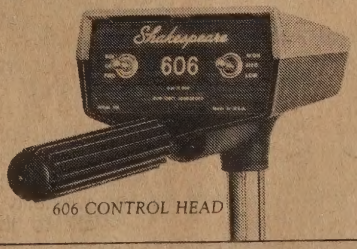

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JELLY WORM VARIATIONS

Past seasons have left in their wake, a myriad of sure-fire techniques and deadly lures. Witness the dropper rage of last year, diamond jigging, and clam chumming as a few of the more recent examples. Some enjoy long-lasting notoriety, while others come and go in one season. Often they are variations or adaptations of commonly used techniques. In the case of lures, many times the killer is one that has been around for years waiting for the right time and place before being propelled into the limelight. Whether last spring's jelly worm craze will resume in '79 is anyone's guess; that they will catch weakfish is a pretty safe bet. Rubber worms have been taking their share of yellowfins for sharp anglers since the re-establishment of good spring runs about ten years ago. As news of outstanding catches made with the flavored snakes spread, the onslaught of anglers quickly wiped tackle shop shelves clean. The worms, which come in assorted flavors and sizes, can be successfully presented in a number of ways. It is worth mentioning too, that the grape and strawberry-flavored jelly worms seemed to be the most consistent producers throughout last season.

The most often used means by which jelly worms were applied to the briny was to substitute the wiggling tempters for the rubber shrimp tails favored by many weakfishermen on an assortment of various shaped and colored lead-heads. With the worm fitted to such a jig head, an angler has the option of varying his presentation. The lure can be cast ahead of a drifting boat and worked back with a slow, gentle, jigging motion. The speed of retrieve should be such as to allow the lure to bounce along the bottom all the way back to the boat. This technique was especially effective for me last year and works best in areas lacking swift currents. It is also far more effective when used where water depth does not exceed ten feet.

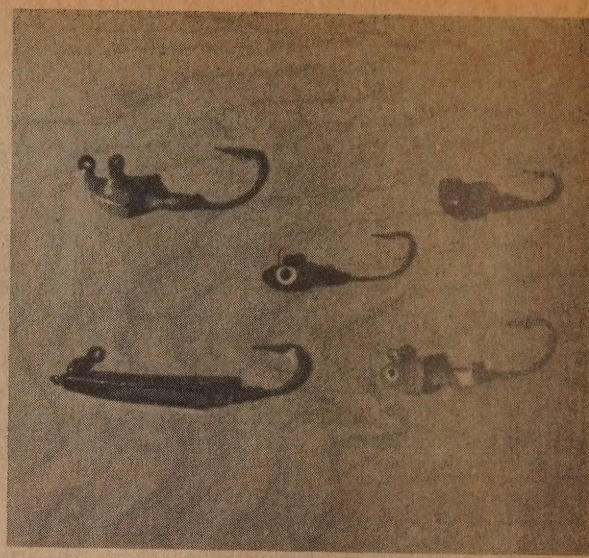
The alternative to casting and retrieving is to trail the jig-encumbered worm in the wake of a drifting boat. Allow enough scope in your line to keep the lure down near the bottom where it will do the most good. A rhythmical raising and lowering of the rod tip will add a persuasive bounce and wiggle to your offering.

While these silicone imposters have a somewhat built-in wiggle of their own, some anglers have found that by fitting a jelly worm to a swimming-type head, they are able to solicit strikes on days when the tiderunners develop finicky appetites.

Two lead-heads which effectively impart a side-to-side swimming action to a rubber worm are the Alou Eel and Tri-Fin whiptail designs in the half ounce size. When rigged on a swimming head such as these, you still have the option of casting and slowly retrieving or just letting the jig undulate slowly in the wake of your drifting boat.

A third classification we can group these different methods of presentation into can be referred to as "attractor type" heads. This would include slipping worms over such lures as small, single-hook diamond jigs and tins such as Kastmasters and Hopkins, also adorned with single hooks. Destined to be a success this season is the new "Diamond Head" manufactured by Tri-Fin. It was designed to draw more strikes towards its chrome finished head which also delivers an enticing side-to-side swimming motion. The lure comes in a three-quarter ounce size, which is more than sufficient to get it down deep when desired.

Having long been an advocate of the humble bucktail, it was only natural that two of the most deadly weakfish lures, in my opinion, ended up joining forces.



Here are some standard lead heads along with an "attractor type" the Tri-Fin diamond head, lower left.

Two smimming heads mentioned in article. Alou head, above; whiptail head at bottom.

Jelly worms, and assortment of rubber core sinkers, and some 2/0 bait holder hooks are all that's needed for the angler interested in natural presentation.

By sliding a jelly worm up the shank of a bucktail, you combine the flowing, pulsating appeal of deer hair with whatever these blessed fish see in a candy-flavored piece of rubber. Your standard lead-heads painted in gaudy, bright colors can also be included within the attractor-type category.

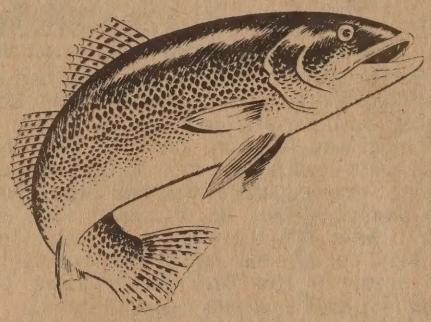
A final means by which we will classify these variations in worm fishing can best be described as "live-lining"; that is, if you will permit me the freedom of altering somewhat the true definition of this technique. While you are not fishing a live bait, the various means by which you present the worms most closely parallel the techniques used in live-lining. Here again, you have options in presenting the worms. Under certain conditions, unweighted jellies can be cast or floated out in the wake of a drifting boat. This more natural method of presentation is often deadly in the shallows of back bays. Carrying along an assortment of rubber core sinkers enables you to adjust your offering to whatever depth the fish are feeding. A selection of rubber cores ranging from three-sixteenths on up to an ounce-and-a-half will permit you to cover the surface on down to the bottom under any normal weakfishing situation.

Some anglers have taken to a version of the high hook rig, particularly in areas where deep water and strong currents predominate; a one-half to two ounce sinker is attached to the end of your line. About four or five feet above the sinker, a two-foot length of mono is tied in via a three-way swivel. The worm is attached to this high leader. Some anglers go a step further and tie in another short leader below the first. This offers the advantage of fishing one worm at the bottom and another several feet above in a different feeding zone. A 2/0 bait holder style hook will suffice in most situations unless there are lots of very small weaks around. If such is the case, you may want to drop down to a number two of the same type.

As you can see, the methods of jelly worm presentation are many and varied. Choice is up to the individual and sometimes dependent upon conditions in a specific area. Don't be afraid to experiment. Often, a slight alteration can spell the difference between a good catch and a poor one.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when serving up these flavored taste treats. When sliding a worm up the shank of your hook, push the barb through at such a point so that the worm lies straight along the shank. Also, carry both six inch worms and the eight or nine inch versions. I have a feeling that while there will still be plenty of big tiderunners around, we will also see a good number of two to three pound fish this season. If this becomes the case, the six inch jellies may save you a lot of short strikes. Speaking of short strikes, a second tail hook can be applied if you find you are missing more fish than you are hooking. Most freshwater bass worms come rigged in such a manner. Worth keeping in mind, too, is that bluefish find the worms just as appealing as the weaks do. If the choppers are around, make sure you have a healthy supply of worms in stock.

I once said to a fishing buddy of mine, "Show me something that will outfish these bucktails for weakfish and I will eat it." Make mine grape, please!



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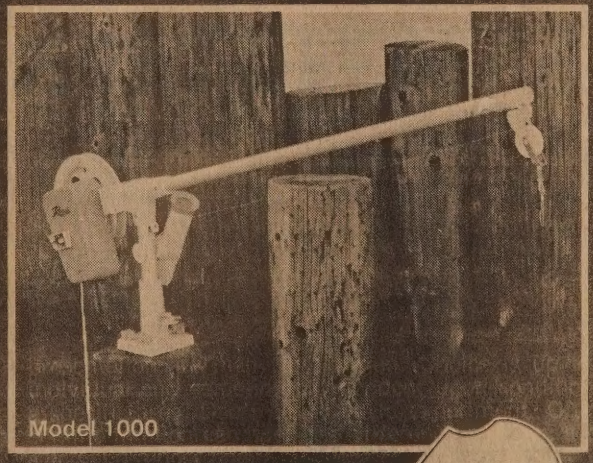

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SPRING BLACKFISHING

Dick Hauck and I stood on Shinnecock Inlet's west jetty and peered along its length. For a mid-May morning, the weather certainly could have been better. It was far from the typical Long Island spring weather we have come to expect. Instead, it was dismal and heavily overcast. A light easterly breeze swirled a cold clammy mist about us—a mist sufficient to discourage any but dyed-in-the-wool fishermen. A fog dense enough to obscure the jetty's outer reaches writhed in the distance. We cautiously rock-hopped over the wet boulders, and as fishermen will, congratulated each other on our good fortune: we seemed to be all alone. This in itself was unusual because fishing here for our popular bottom feeders is often good; even occasionally excellent. Therefore, this easily available jetty draws scores of fishermen on any given day; and to find few fishermen at any time is indeed unusual. It would have been even more so if this had been mid-October or early November when hordes of blues and occasional bonito move in (as they did last year), belting just about everything cast to them. Though striper fishing was far from good at Shinnecock last year, there were several mornings on both east and west jetties when knowledgeable sharpies made out pretty well with teen-sized fish. So, it wasn't surprising that Nick and I were out there on that jetty. Inclement weather failed to dim our hopes that we might get a crack at some of the fine blackfishing previous experience had taught us was a possibility.

Nick selected a comfortable spot for himself and I found one about ten feet away, almost at the jetty end; and we began to fish. Because I am a firm believer in sliced skimmer for blacks when fishing inshore areas during spring, that is what I decided to use; but Nick was putting his faith entirely in china-back fiddlers. With this selection, we felt one of us would connect if fish were available. We cast about twenty feet into the inlet, took the slack out of our lines and waited for action.

Nick got the first hit—a small black which was returned. Minutes later, he got another about one pound and I began to fall victim to larcenous bergalls. Try as I would, I couldn't overcome the onslaught. There were times when I didn't even get the slack onto the reel before the bait was gone. So much for skimmer slices in bergall-infested fishing areas. I was discouraged, but not overly so. Where there are bergalls, there are blackfish—always.

I helped myself to Nick's fiddlers, made a cast to the same spot, waited a minute or two, then got the bite I was expecting and came up on a good black—which immediately hung me up in the rocks. I waited a spell, allowing the fish plenty of slack, hoping against hope to con it into thinking it was free. But it didn't work and I broke the rig off. I was out there to fish, not fuss and fume over snagged tackle.

I went through two more rigs before I succeeded in landing my first fish; this one close to two pounds and about average for the jetty. In the meantime, Nick had donated several rigs, but eventually between us we began to plop fish into the bucket with fair regularity.

We finished the morning with fifteen decent-sized blacks and had returned many small fish—not exceptional fishing, but not all that bad, either; but poor in the sense of the word that I have seen five-gallon buckets filled with blacks from this jetty. Our largest fish that morning was probably a shade over three pounds—which is nothing to brag about for I've also seen teen-sized blacks caught from that west jetty. I've never been fortunate to nail one here this size, but I have managed a few five and six pounders—which isn't exactly hay for shore fishing on Long Island's South Shore.

I've related this particular experience because there is much in its telling that shows what blackfishermen must contend with. This is excluding the weather. I've never noticed inclement weather has much effect on the outcome of the blackfishing day. If it is bearable for the fisherman, blackfish will bite.

This is important in itself because the same cannot be applied to many fish where bad weather-low barometer readings afffect the action. When blackfishing, I've had good days when the weather left much to be desired, and some poor results on those balmy spring and fall days when you "feel it in your bones" that the fish will bite. You never know. So don't let poor weather conditions hold you back if you intend to go blackfishing. If you can locate the fish, they will bite.

That last sentence is the key to successful blackfishing. You have got to locate these scrappers; they absolutely will not come to you. You just cannot haphazardly anchor your boat or cast to any spot you think looks good, as when fluke or flounder fishing. It doesn't work that way with blackfish.

Always look for obstructions when seeking blackfish. These can be in the form of pier or bridge spilings,

Whether you fish from an inlet jetty, a pier or a canal bulkhead, alertness is of prime importance if you wish to put blackfish in your bucket.

rock jetties, sunken wrecks, etc. You will find few blackfish on open bottom, although you might have some luck when fishing close to sod banks in deep water creeks. But don't expect these particular places to produce a quantity of fish; they rarely do.

Even in places known to produce, blackfish may be difficult to locate. While Nick and I were lucky in this respect that day—we didn't find it necessary to move along the jetty to locate fish—it is quite possible that when fishing even the best blackfishing spot, it may become necessary to do so.

While blackfish won't leave a good feeding area, they will often move about and throughout even the best spots. Therefore, what may produce today, may not tomorrow. This is because heavy feeding often depletes an area containing sufficient food in the form of mussels, barnacles, etc. But the good part is that those fish won't be too far away. Perhaps only a move of twenty feet is enough to locate the fish. But you should make up your mind that this seek-and-search is part of the blackfishing game.

As noted, I'm a great believer in sliced skimmer for inshore spring blackfishing; but it is important that you carry more than this particular type of bait. Should bergalls be thick, as they were that day, they will quickly put a kink in your fishing. I would suggest you bring along either china-back fiddlers or green crab. Bergalls will attack these baits, too, but they are not so easily removed as skimmer; therefore, the black has a chance to find it before the hook is stripped.

When baiting up, you'll find green crab hard; therefore, always make sure the hook point and barb are exposed. The fish never notice. When using china-backs, the choice of doing this is up to you. You will find the fiddler staying alive longer if you keep the hook point inside; it is also a more fragile bait and care should be taken not to crush it. When using skimmer, it is best to allow the point to be exposed: this makes for a more appealing bait. It is these little things that mean so much on the fishing ground.

Hooks for inshore blackfishing should be the Virginia Style—size six. For offshore fishing around those deeper places where larger blacks are more common, you can use a #5, or even a #4. While size is of course important, it is much more important that you use the correct style. Not that you can only hook blacks on a Virginia pattern, but only that this style makes it easier to sink the hook in the cagey black's mouth. And when it comes to blackfishing, anything you do to help in this respect is strictly to your advantage. You will find these hooks extra strong for their size, and that offset hollow point and barb just what the doctor ordered for these wily fish.

It is best to tandem-tie two hooks and place them about two inches above a suitable bank sinker. These tear-drop sinkers are preferred because they slide past many obstructions that would ordinarily snag one that is flat-sided. When fishing around particular "sticky" areas—wrecks, etc., use only one hook. Doing so lessens your chances of fouling.

While we're on the subject of baits and hooks, let me remind you **not** to strike back at every bite you feel. Most times these bites will be from bait-stealing bergalls and tiny blackfish. To do so not only aids these small fish, but will most certainly alert any cruising black that all is not well. I have found none of our bottom feeders so suspicious as blackfish. Leaders or any other method used to conceal your intentions aren't necessary, but a quietly-held bait is.

When a black takes the hook, you will know all about it. Sometimes the largest blacks are the most cautious (that's how they get big, I guess), so if you want your share of decent-sized fish, let that bait lie still.

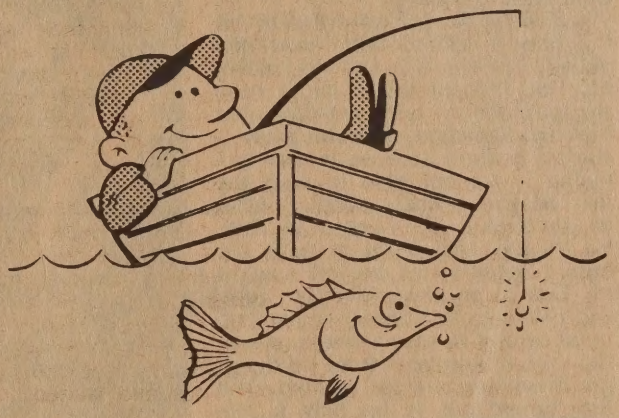
But when that heavy bite is felt, come back with all you've got. It is necessary to get that fish started away from the rugged obstructions which always abound in good blackfishing territory. If you fail to do this, that blackfish will get back into its sanctuary and it usually means goodbye fish, plus terminal gear. Blackfish are surprisingly strong, and this snagging is a common occurrence, so don't become too upset should it happen to you—just try to cut down on the black's chances of beating you to the punch.

Because much attention is focused on mackerel and ling at the moment, few party boats are blackfishing right now (there are some, of course); therefore, you'll find most blackfishing is done from shore or by private boat. Unless you know your offshore grounds well, my advice is to give shore fishing a whirl.

Most rock-studded areas hold blackfish potential, as do pier spilings, bridge underpinnings, wharves, and canal bulkheads. I can't guarantee fish, of course, but for those fellows who'd like to try the west jetty at Shinnecock Inlet, here are the directions to get there.

Sunrise Highway to Hampton Bays; then south to the Diner. Left at the light (Montauk Highway). Turn right at second traffic light (Ponquogue Avenue). Follow to the end—about two-and-a-half miles. Make a left at full stop sign and then a right on Foster Avenue (about one-third mile from stop sign). This will take you past the Shinnecock Coast Guard Station and over the Ponquogue Bridge. Go left when you reach the end of this road. You will now be on Dune Road. Follow this to end (about two miles). You will find ample parking space (except at the height of the summer season). The jetty is to the right. For best results, fish at the end and cast into the inlet proper.

Try it if the mood urges. Not everyday is good, but who knows...?



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the water, especially during the outgoing tide. When the grass is a problem, try the Radio Shack or the Sand Bar. You will notice that there is a construction dock to your immediate left (west). Walk around this obstruction to get to the bar area.

When fishing any of the areas of West End (except the jetty) waders should be worn. A surf belt with gaff attached should be worn around your waist. A neck light should also be part of your equipment.

In order to park in the parking lot during evening hours, you will need a fishing pass. It can be obtained **free of charge** from the Administration Office at Jones Beach during the daytime. All you need is your vehicle registration.

I take it for granted that all of you know how to get to Jones Beach. After you cross the Jones Beach/Pt. Lookout bridge, follow the signs to West End #2: that's the parking lot. If you are coming from the east, follow Ocean Parkway toward the same area.

Once you begin fishing here, you will notice that West End has a following all its own, as it is within easy reach of city residents and Long Islanders alike.

What I had hoped to do was to familiarize you with these surroundings—that is, if you are not already acquainted with the beauty of them. If you are, then you already know its many rewards.

Good luck and good fishing.

A YOUNG MAN'S THOUGHTS ON WEAKFISHING

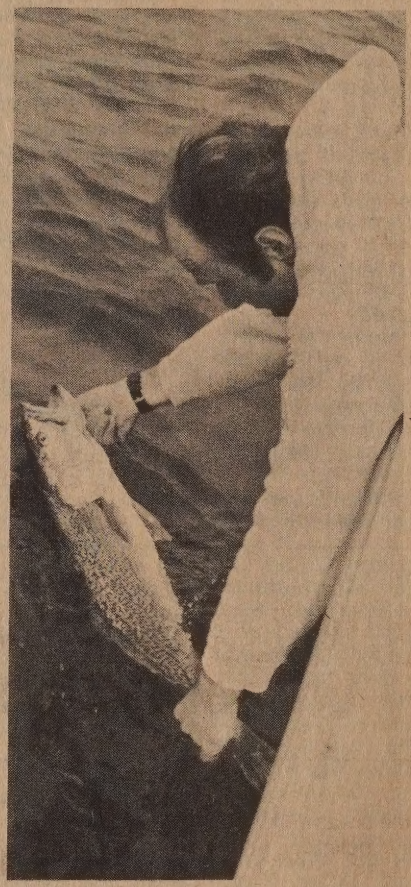
by Drew Muller

One night my Dad, his friend, and I were fishing along one of Long Island's beaches. We were hoping to catch weakfish. We found the spot and began fishing. Within five minutes, my Dad was into a fish. Not long after I had a hit, too. Quickly, the action picked up and we were catching a lot of fish. This was not unusual, for it was the season for weakfish and we were using very effective lures. I sat down for a rest, while I watched other people pull in weakfish and weigh them. Then I went back to fishing.

Suddenly, something different hit my line. I leaned back hard and pulled, but the fish did not move. My Dad thought that I might have snagged bottom with my lure, but then the fish began to swim away. I started to worry because as hard as I pulled I was not able to stop the fish. Maybe it was a shark. "What do you think it is?" I asked my Dad. He thought that it might be a big bass. I began to get excited. I asked my Dad to go down into the water and take a look. I cautioned my Dad to be careful in case it was a shark. But then it seemed that all I did was get myself excited for nothing. The fish turned out to be only a five pound weakfish that was hooked in the belly. We caught a lot of fish that night and I had a lot of fun. My Dad belongs to a fishing club and one of the weakfish that I caught that night became the leading entry in the Junior Division.

I like to catch weakfish; they are a major game fish all along the East Coast. This fish is excellent table fare and is valued by many to be the best eating of all fish. The weakfish has a lot of different names in different places such as tiderunner, gray trout, sea trout, and other local names. The name weakfish comes from the fact that the weakfish's mouth is very easy to tear. Therefore, a hooked weakfish can easily pull free; a fisherman can expect to lose a few. Use gentle drag pressure so that the lure will not break through the thin jaw bones.

Weakfish can be found from South Carolina to as far north as Massachusetts, but they are most abundant from Delaware to Rhode Island. Many of their local names in these different areas comes from the bright colors of the fish. A freshly caught weakfish can be very impressive. The fish are blue up near the dorsal fin area, fading into pink and silver on the sides and then becoming white on the belly. Pale dots of blue, black, pink, and yellow cover the sides of the fish. The fins are usually tinged with yellow but the amount of yellow will vary with the age of the fish. The belly around the anal fin is also usually orange or yellow.



Dad shows how to release the fish. This one may grow up to be a world's record..who knows!

The body is streamlined and is well proportioned. The tail is broad enabling the fish to swim in fast spurts to catch food. The mouth is fairly large with the lower jaw being a little bit larger than the top jaw. Both jaws have two large curved canine teeth that are loosely hinged. These fang teeth are often lost when the fish bites down on a hard lure.

Internally, the weakfish is similar to many other kinds of fish. One thing sets them apart from all others. The male weakfish has a modified swim bladder enabling it to make a croaking noise. The male has special muscles on the bladder which vibrate and produce a croak.

What is the world's record? The record on rod and reel is from Trinidad. The fish weighed 19 lbs. 8 oz and leads the all-tackle division.

How big do weakfish get? No one really knows for sure. However, a commercial fisherman took a thirty pound weakfish in a net many years ago. Most weakfish caught by sport fishermen will weigh between five and seven pounds; but fish of ten, eleven, twelve, and more pounds are not that uncommon.

The season begins in March and ends some time in October, but fish may be caught throughout November in some years. The early spring fish are usually the biggest fish in the bays. These are the so-called "tide-runners" because they swim up and down the bays with the incoming and outgoing tides. Bay fishing is good in May and June, but during the summer smaller fish move in and the bigger fish move out. The bigger fish are usually available inshore again during September and early October.

The selection of the rod and reel is basically dependent upon personal taste. Lightweight conventional tackle is becoming very popular. Today's bait fishing tackle is lght, easy to cast, and fun to use. The choice of line for conventional reels depends upon the size of the reel and the characteristics of the fishing. For example, small conventional reels like the Shakespeare President, the Daiwa Millionaire, or the Garcia Ambassadeur work best with six to twelve pound test monofilament, Dacron, or Micron line; while larger models may be spooled with monofilament or non-stretch lines up to fifty pound test. Heavy conventional tackle may be needed for bridge and jetty fishing; but, in general, is not recommended for weakfishing.

By far the most popular tackle everywhere is spinning tackle. Spinning gear is definitely suited to weakfishing. The rod should be between six-and-one-half and eight feet long for boat fishing and up to ten feet for shore fishing. In both

cases, the rods should have a light action so that the fisherman can enjoy the fight of the weakfish. There are many fine small reels available that will match very well to these rods. Reels like the Quick 330, Penn 712, 714, 722; Shakespeare's 2410, Mitchell 300, 900; Daiwa 1500C, along with reels by Zebco, Kencor, Shimano, and Olympic. Check with your local tackle shop for recommendations on an outfit that will be just right for the fishing you do.

How can you catch weakfish? Techniques such as trolling are extremely effective in catching weakfish; but when trolling, it's always good to have heavier tackle just in case there are some bass or blues around. Casting from a boat with ultra-light tackle is perhaps the most popular way to fish for weakfish. It is a great challenge. Light spinning rods were originally developed for use in freshwater, but have been adapted to saltwater use. These light rods are very flexible. They are designed to tire out the fish by the spring in the rod. Fishermen usually use two to six pound test line with ultra-light tackle. Monofilament line should be used with light tackle. The line should be changed frequently because exposure to sun, wind, and salt weakens the line quickly.

What kinds of bait should you use? Artificial lures are extremely important in weakfishing. Let's take plastic shrimp for starters. They vary in shape, size, and color. Fishermen have proven that weakfish really like plastic lures of all kinds. Fluorescent pink seems to be the most effective; although white, yellow, red, and black also work well at times. My Dad and I like to tip the lures with a thin strip of squid, but many fishermen catch weakfish without the added squid. Work these plastic lures right along the bottom where the weakfish often feed. Bucktails are also effective. The old standby is the white bucktail, but modern versions like the Tri-Fin Jig-n-Tails in pink or yellow are also very effective. This lure should be bounced gently along the bottom. There are also surgical tube lures that work well. One of the most effective is the Tri-Fin Whip-Tail. This lure can be jigged, trolled, or cast from shore.

How about plugs? Plugs are very good lures. Most companies make a small size of their product and the smaller plugs usually work best. Lures like Rebels, RedFins, Atoms, MirroLure, Rapala, Hell-Cat, and Bill Norman lures are very good. These lures should be cast out, allowed to settle for a few seconds, and then retrieved slowly with small twitches of the rod tip.

WHAT kinds of natural baits? Bottom fishing with bait is the traditional method for catching weakfish and it still works today. Worms, squid, shedder crabs, live killies, and cut baits such as mackerel and bunker are excellent selections. When fishing from a boat use a three-way swivel. Tie the swivel three feet away from the sinker and then attach a hook on a three-foot leader. Drifting with a boat is best. From the shore, the fisherman should use a fish-finder rig. Usually three to five ounce pyramid sinkers are big enough. Hook sizes will range from #1 to #7/0, depending upon the bait used.

If I had to give one tip: I remember when I first started to fish with my Dad, he would always tell me to keep the rod tip high. He was trying to teach me to let the rod and reel fight the fish. I have learned that he is right. Check the drag on the reel to make sure that a weakfish can take line without breaking the line; make sure that your reel is in good working condition; check that your line is not frayed or "old," and hold the light rod high when a weakfish runs. It's fun to fight a good-sized game fish correctly because you know that you have challenged the fish, didn't make a mistake, and caught the fish.

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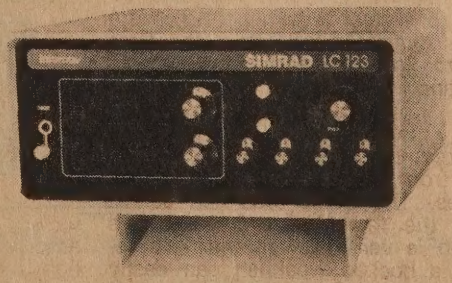

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TIE ON A TIDERUNNER

by Gerald Hahn

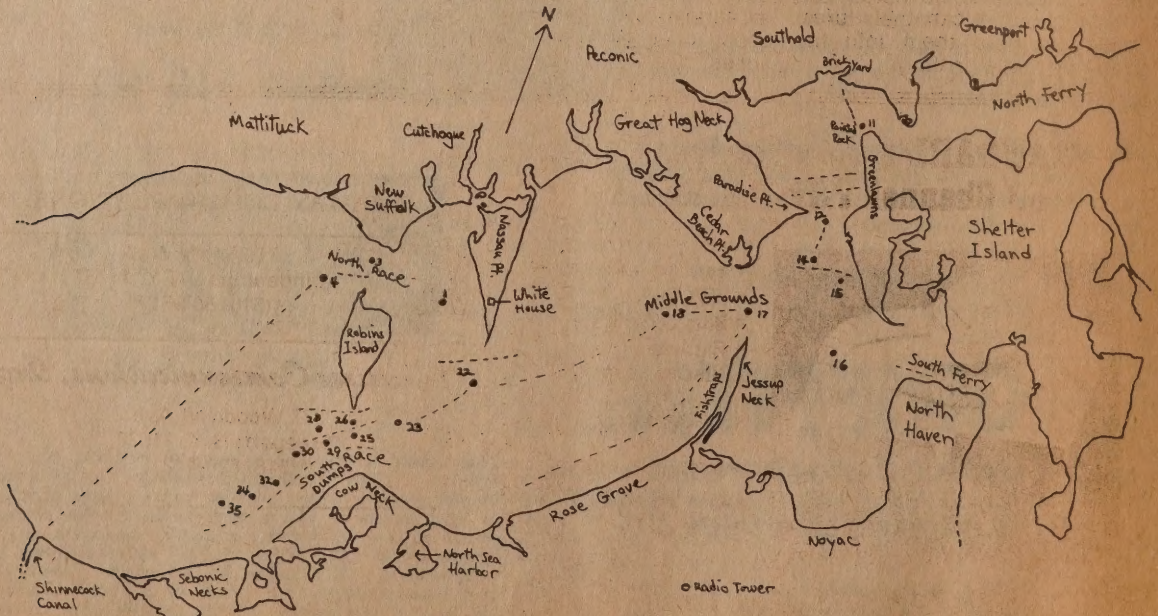
"Are they in? Have any been taken yet?" As April approaches May, you can feel the tension mount at fishing stations, marinas, and tackle shops from Hampton Bays to the North Fork. One of the most exciting bay fishing events on Long Island is about to be renewed in the Peconics: the spring run of weakfish. To be sure, weaks can be caught here in the summer as well; but May is the time for tiderunners, large predators. Excitement builds because it is difficult to pin down the exact date and duration of this yearly run. Migratory cycles, water temperature, and weather play significant roles. For example, two years ago the first weakfish were caught around May 1 and tiderunners moved sporadically through Peconic Bay for almost a month. But last season, a rather cold spring delayed them until around May 11. Furthermore, their arrival was soon thwarted by a hurricane—high winds and pounding rain for four consecutive days. The run began finally in mid-May, but it lasted only about ten days. These days, it certainly is a far cry from Van Campen Heilner's time in the Twenties and Thirties when weakfish covered the Peconics the way snappers do today. Is it worth the effort? I think so. You see, a tiderunner weighs between six to twelve pounds!

For the small boat fisherman, this is a unique opportunity to catch large predatory fish. Most of the time, bay fishing is bottom fishing for smaller species, flounder and porgies. Some bays yield a few doormat fluke in the fall or outsize blackfish, but a typical catch is around one or two pounds. Periodically, snapper blues up to four pounds can be caught in such water as well; but while exciting, it is rare to witness a ten pound chopper caught in bays. As for striped bass, you can forget about it unless you are a fortunate boat owner willing to put in a great deal of time doing all-nighters. Consequently, of the "big three"—stripers, weaks, and blues—weakfish are the only species that can be caught at their **largest** sizes in bays for a brief period.

But determining the best time is a problem, especially if you do not live in this area. Fishing reports often come in too late—after the action has peaked. In general, I would say to go out during the third week in May. Read the local reports **carefully** in this magazine, including Greenport, Southold, New Suffolk, and Jamesport on the north side, and Hampton Bay, Shinnecock, Noyac, and Sag Harbor on the south. Do not hesitate to ask at local bait shops or fishing stations if you are in the area.

Once you discover the best time, however, your problems are not over. Now you have to find the fish. It is a rare day when tiderunners, as the name implies, will be in the bay all day long. Prime times are before and after slack periods, especially in the early hours of the day. Because most fishing stations want their boats returned by 4PM or 5PM, try to go out on a day when a tidal change occurs at dawn. This will give you another tidal change in the afternoon.

Having surmounted two major hurdles, the best time to go and the best tides to fish, you have one more problem to contend with. Reports can be deceptive: "John Doe caught eighteen tiderunners at Rose's Grove last week." You head out to the Grove, fish all the right tides, and return skunked. "Everybody lies," you shriek! While John probably did catch all those fish at Rose's Grove



Map of Peconic Bay with local names indicated. Dotted lines indicate major weakfish paths. From the Shinnecock Canal to the Middle Grounds is about 18 miles.

last week, it does not mean they are still there. In fact, tiderunners tend to school up in a different part of the bay almost everyday. Today, it might be the Grove or the Middle Grounds; tomorrow, South Race or Shelter Island. Occasionally, they will spread out in greater numbers all over, but for the most part, there is no consistent pattern. The best way to contend with this if you are a novice to weakfishing, a newcomer to the bay—indeed, even a cocky, experienced angler—is to follow the crowd going out of your fishing station. Most of these people are regulars, locals who have the latest news because they were probably out yesterday. If, as it turns out, hits are few with the fleet, then, by all means, explore on your own.

Good weakfishing spots in Peconic Bay are no mystery. Rather than going into a detailed description of every potential spot, once again I refer you to my article, "Summer Doldrums? Try Peconic Porgies!" (Vol. 13, Issue #32, August 10, 1978.) Weakfish will be in the same places mentioned for porgies.

Weakfishing—even for tiderunners—is best with light tackle, not only for the increased pleasure of the sport, but also for greater hook-ups. Heavy tackle gives them leverage to tear large holes in their delicate mouths. A six to seven foot, fast, whippy spinning rod with a Mitchell 300 or equivalent reel filled with ten to twelve pound test is perfect for catching and playing these fish. The fast action rod and light line will allow greater casting distance with small artificials. But a light six to seven foot conventional rod and small matching reel is better for the bait fisherman. Line can be paid out faster and controlled more readily with this kind of gear. In this respect, it must also be noted that many anglers do not cast their lures, but prefer to ease them into the water and jig while drifting.

The business end of the line varies. Artificials from three-eighth to three-quarter ounces, e.g., soft plastic leadhead jigs in fluorescent pink, white, or yellow are most popular, and can be tied directly to the main line with an improved clinch knot or to a snap swivel to facilitate changes. Whiptails and leadhead bucktails should not be discounted. One day last season, an angler returned to the station with twenty tiderunners at 9AM. The weakfish had destroyed all his yellow bucktails. Here again, white and red work well—particularly with the addition of a four inch pennant-shaped strip of squid. Some people try small swimming plugs, even diamond jigs, and tubes. Last season also marked the widespread use of jelly worms.

Bait fishermen, on the other hand, do best with a high-low rig, or a single high-hook rig. Hooks should be claw or beak type baitholders, size 2/0, snelled on three foot leaders of thirty pound test. If you can locate a four foot leader, use it! Dropper loops in the main line or three-way swivels on a four foot leader, thirty pound test will keep the two snelled hooks from tangling if you set the lower one about six inches above the sinker and the top one at the swivel. Connect both swivels to leader and main line with improved clinch knots. Because most hits occur on the top hook, some fishermen dispense with the bottom one. Sinker weight varies here, but on an average day, three ounce banks will do. Bring along some two and five ounces as well. The sinker can be connected with any piece of light monofilament to the bottom swivel with a clinch knot and end loop. With dropper loops on the main line, an end loop on the bottom will hold the sinker. An ideal arrangement is to bring along two rods: one for bait, the other for lures. Don't forget a good-size landing net.

Although many fishermen like to anchor near a dropoff and cast or jig their lures or bait, drifting is generally a better method with tiderunners. You cover more territory this way and a productive spot can be noted by dropping a marker or range-finding. Those long leaders with a squid strip on one hook and a whole sandworm on the other, look better streaming on a drift. In either case, it is advisable to set the drag light.

When you get a hit, don't sock it to the fish as you would a blue. Let the light drag, the light line, and sensitive rod tip "give" into the fish. A delicate handling will ensure a hook-up. Keep the line taut, but don't try to overpower a weakfish. Although it lacks the stamina of a blue and bulldoggedness of a black, a weak does have a tendency to turn erratically on its short run. While easier to boat then a fluke, the light line or delicate mouth can tear at this stage, leaving you high and dry. Guide the fish gently into the net, head first.

Drifting for tiderunners in May provides other bonuses as well. An early weakfish run may result in nice catches of outgoing flounder. Simply change the bottom hook to a tandem rig with chestertowns or small porgy hooks, and one inch pieces of worm or clams. Around this time, porgies enter the bay and some three pound humpbacks have surprised many weakfishermen. Here again, the same two-hook rig (and baits) on the bottom will not detract from the weakfish line above. Although the weakfish cycle seems to be on the wane again, I witnessed and caught enough six to twelve pounders last season to make it worthwhile this coming spring. It is a rare opportunity to tie on a tiderunner. Don't miss it.

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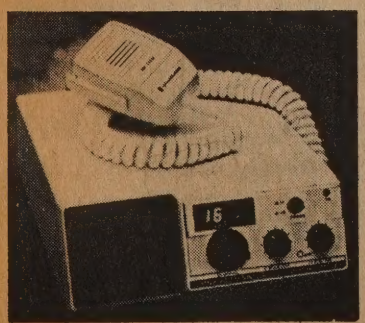

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PECONIC FOOLISHNESS

by Martin & Janet Garrell

It was mid-May, but the evening breeze out of the northwest felt anything but balmy. The buoyant mood of the afternoon had given way to pessimism and to a sense that we'd all been premature and foolish to try the spring weakfish run in the Peconics so early.

When the first reports of fish had trickled in last year, we immediately called our fishing friends in New Jersey and told them to make plans for the third weekend of May. Then, just before they arrived, we received a call from friends in Southold who owned a robust thirty-foot cruiser that could comfortably handle the typical spring afternoon westerlies of the North Fork. Sure our friends could come along, and we'd all score on the weaks together!

We'd been out four hours without a touch, and the Southold skipper was ready to turn the diesels over and head for the lights of New Suffolk harbor when the monotonous scene suddenly changed. One of our friends popped a fish on an unexpected strike, her husband scampered across the deck to clear the line as his fish headed for points east, and something big tried to take my leadhead-and-tube lure away from me when I turned to watch the action. Fifteen minutes later, two fine female weakfish of six and eight pounds, the first of our 1978 season, graced the deck of the cruiser, and the drought was over.

Dramatic shifts of action from famine to feast (or vice-versa) are commonplace during the North Fork weakfish run. Strike-outs must be endured by the experts, and tyros boast of outstanding catches. However, despite the consensus that finding a school of big weakfish is a gamble against long odds, there are steps that anglers can take to hedge their bets.

For a starter, every fisherman should try to fish during the quiet hours, very early or very late in the day, if possible. Some of the best catches of tiderunners in the last couple of seasons have been made by anglers who deliberately avoid the midday fleets and the fish-spooking commotions they create. It's an eerie experience to be all alone in the South Race as darkness sets in, or to begin the first drift off Jessup's at 4AM, long before first light. Yet if the tide is right—an hour before dead low or high—and if there are a few weaks around, chances for connection are much better at dusk or dawn than they are when the roar of outboard and inboard predators scatter the fish.

Marty admires a five pound weakfish that nearly cleaned the spool of an ultra-light spinning reel. This fish surprised us near buoy 16-Southold Bay.

Versatility in fishing techniques and flexibility in choice of areas are other important factors in angler success. Those who know how to

fish not only plastic shrimp-type lures like the Salty Dogs and Touts, but also know how to bump a big no-Alibi bucktail or an Ava diamond jig among bottom-hugging schools should score consistently during a long season. To be sure, not everybody has the "touch" to handle lures in the deep, fast water off Jessup's Buoy 17; but too many anglers stay with the South Race and the Middle Grounds even though action is slow simply because drifts are more leisurely and currents are gentler in those areas.

From mid-June onwards, when the big schools of fish seem to scatter, the patient bait fishermen who know how to drift squid strips outscore the metal-and-lead throwers. Here too, versatility counts, because the rig that works best in one spot may not work in another. The standard high hook rig is by no means universal in the Peconic Bays, by the way. For example, one local expert does a tremendous job near Nassau Point with strips drifted several feet below a couple of light clinch sinkers; while off the Brickyard in Southold, two or three ounce sinkers with long-leadered low hooks exactly fourteen inches above the sinker are **de rigeur.**

Tackle varies according to personal preference, but every light-tackle angler must realize that a bottom-dogging sea trout of six to ten pounds, hooked in deep water, takes lifting power that is lacking in ultra-light "noodles," and that a big weak with a notion to run can quickly get down to the core of a small capacity reel spool. Although we are careful nowadays to use rods with sufficient pumping power and to fish with spools that hold at least 250 yards of four to six pound test line, we've made our share of mistakes in the past.

One week before Memorial Day a couple of years ago, we were fishing around buoy 16 in Southold Bay and were having horrible luck. We'd missed one hook-up on a weakfish and had only a stringer of sea robins to our credit. I wanted one more sea robin to fill the last stringer clip, so I dropped a squid-tipped purple shrimp down to the bottom, using an ultra-light outfit, a homemade two ounce rod and a Microlite Quick reel that held 130 yards of four pound line. The weakfish that latched on took me by surprise and opted for a high speed, down-tide dash. Fortunately Jan noticed my plight and got the motor started just as the bottom of the tiny spool showed. The occupants of the small fleet of boats in the area gave me a lot of kidding when the vigorous five pounder ran out of steam and came aboard twenty minutes later; but it was nothing compared to the sharp ribbing from Jan, which had to be endured much longer. Had the fish been larger or stronger, it would have cleaned the spool and made a real fool out of me, especially on a day when we had nothing in the fish box. Ever since, we've reserved the mini-tackle for panfish, and we've gone to suitable gear whenever we've suspected the presence of **Cynoscion regalis.**

Fishing reports play a big role for North Fork anglers, but smart weakfish buffs won't be bound too strongly to the airwaves and newspaper columns. Five years ago, when the fish were present in vast schools, one waited to hear that fishing was hot before giving pursuit. In recent times, spotty action on small pods of large fish (perhaps a couple of fish to ten pounds per rod per day(has been the early season rule, and waiting to hear of a big score is foolhardy. Actually, a super report may precede a lull in fishing in a given area, because it only takes a tide or two for a weakfish congregation to spread out or move on. Reports of a few fish "here and there" should suffice to set the dedicated weakfisherman to planning an immediate trip.

Hotspots for weakfish action have been changing in the last couple of seasons, and traditions have been broken by the wanderings of the silver hordes during the spring and summer months. During 1978, some areas of Great Peconic Bay which should have petered out early,

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produced fish all summer. In the South Race area it was hard to tell exactly when the first pulse of weaks died off and when the groups of summer-run fish came in, because moderate action seemed to occur throughout the summer. On the other hand, the anglers who awaited a 1978 spring run of big weaks in the Peconic creeks were bitterly disappointed throughout the May-June period. In 1977, Long Island Sound produced super fishing from late June through July, when tide-runners to ten pounds lurked under nearly every school of four to six-pound bluefish and gorged on sand eels. The tin fleet had a great time off Kenney's and Horton's, watching for birds, racing out to the schools, and dropping metal down through the choppers and into the scavenging weaks. In 1978, however, the blues ravaged the sand eel swarms right on schedule, but the weaks were few and far between.

One final word of advice for any visitor to the Peconics from lilac time until fall apple harvest is to arrange a number of trips in order to get percentages working in your favor. Persistence can pay dividends, even when the fishing is poor. Two years ago, we ran into a bad spring slump ourselves and fished our way out of it.

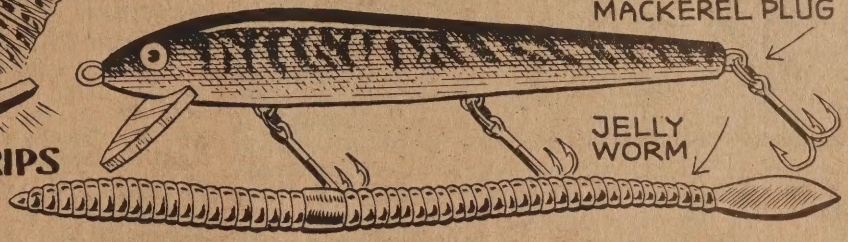
Friends from Huntington had fished two tides with us off Jessup's at the height of the spring run and we had to send them home with nothing more than a package of sea robin fillets and profuse apologies. When another friend showed up on the doorstep after dinner for a try at the night tide, our hopes were at a nadir. But after an hour of drifting near Nassau Point, we encountered five acres of swirls and boils—a huge school of feeding weaks. Red Salty Dogs or white bucktails, tipped with squid or plain—it made no difference what we used. Although we kept only four fish to six pounds, we could have filled the boat!

What kind of season will 1979 be on the North Fork? Such a question is wide open to speculation at this point. Pessimists tell us that the age classes of the early 1970s that produced "career" fish for many anglers and set four IGFA records are just about gone and that sportsmen pursuing the biggest weaks will have to adjust their sights. Optimists point to the substantial run of one to three pound school weaks last summer off Robins Island and to the abundance of juvenile fish in the creeks at snapper time late last summer and early last fall. They predict that the cycle will swing back to its 1974-1975 peak in short order. Whichever way the fishing goes, **Cynoscion regalis** will still draw us to the launch ramps, creeks and beaches this spring and summer. Between days of angler success, we'll probably feel like even bigger fools than in past years, but that's part of the fascination of weakfishing out our way!

NORTHERN WEAKFISH

BY FRED GUARDINEER

WEAKFISH HAD A GREAT RESURGENCE IN THE NORTHEAST IN THE EARLY 1970'S BUT HAVE BECOME SPOTTY IN RECENT YEARS. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE TO CONSERVE THIS SPECIES. HOWEVER THERE WAS AN EXCELLENT SPAWN IN DELAWARE BAY AND ON LONG ISLAND WHERE MANY YOUNG FISH WERE RUNNING WITH LAST FALL'S CROP OF SNAPPERS. IF THESE YOUNG FISH SURVIVE THEY COULD RESCUE THIS RESOURCE, BUT THIS SEASON'S FORECAST IS FOR STILL SPOTTY FISHING.



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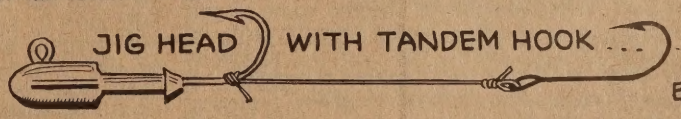

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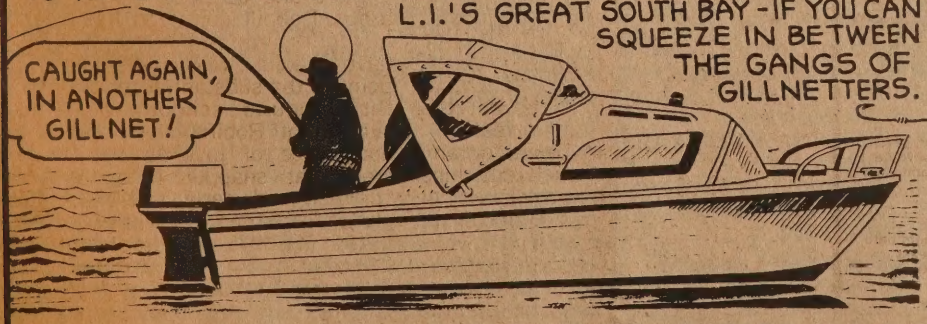

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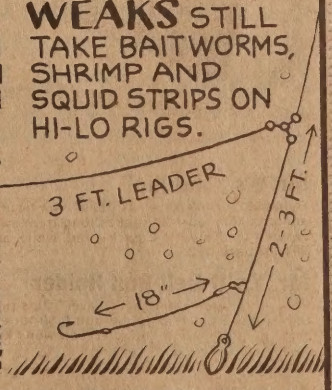

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The FISHERMAN INTERVIEW:

with Captain Ronnie Lepper

(Interviewed by staff member Stu Miller)

For a long period of time, the name of Captain Ronnie Lepper has been synonymous with trolling big bunker spoons, big plugs, and catching big striped bass on western Long Island's South Shore and off Jersey's hot areas of Sandy Hook and Monmouth. To probe Ronnie's experiences and to get some of his thoughts and opinions on "waz-happenin'," The Long Island Fisherman interviewed the burly Captain at his home in Atlantic Beach. Surrounded by coffee, cake, scotch and two Labrador Retrievers, we went at it, into the wee hours ...

Q. Ronnie, where were you born and when?

A. I was born in Manhattan on October 10, 1935.

. How and where did you first become interested in fishing?

A. My family used to take a bungalow in Rockaway when I was an infant. I started fishing when I was old enough to walk. It was probably during World War II that I first fished in the Bay in Rockaway. I began to surf fish in 1945, for bay flounder, blackfish, small bass ... the usual—whatever we could scrounge from off the docks.

Q. Is it true that Brooklyn has produced some of the region's best anglers?

A. Yes, I'd say so—there are some really sharp guys coming out of Brooklyn. But you have a lot of good guys coming out of Nassau, too. On the East Coast, up to Maine, I find that most of the best bass fishermen came out of this immediate area: Atlantic Beach, Rockaway, Sheepshead Bay. Most went on to become some of the top charter captains on the East Coast. Nick Kuzin, Al Urban and some of your better men up in the Cape, came from this general area. Charlie Hague, a legendary bass fisherman from New England, orginally came from Atlantic Beach and learned his trade in the Atlantic Beach/Long Beach area.

Q. Are there many other boats chartering bass in the area?

A. There are very few charter boats left in this area; the bulk comes out of Sandy Hook, Shark River (N.J.) and a couple out of Staten Island. A few are out of Sheepshead Bay, but not many. Very few come out of Deb's Inlet anymore. A lot of guys have left the business or gone to Montauk where the fishing's a hell of a lot better and there's a lot more business. Basically, there are only a few good bass charter boats in this area; that's between Jones Inlet and New Jersey. I don't want to mention names and have anyone's feelings bruised.

Q. Who are the transplants out to Montauk?

A. Nick Kuzin, who died a few years back. Also John DeMaio. And, of course, Al Urban, who was probably one of the best bass fishermen that ever came out of this area, from surf or boat. He became a real sharpshooter at Montauk. His boat was the Duke. Al now runs a small charter boat down in Florida during the winter and comes up here for the summer. His bag was casting big surface plugs and nighttime trolling of rigged eels.

Q. Who WERE some of the best striped bass anglers?

A. I'll go back when I was a small kid. George Dietrick, George Cedar, the Mad Russian; Al Urban, Nick Kuzin, Joe Morevec. They all started off as surf fishermen. They've held world's records; were the first to use beach buggies on the Cape. They were the first guys to bring the Atom plug to this area; they didn't invent it, it was a Cape Cod plug (I'm going back to the early Forties). It was probably the top plug for catching bass over the last twenty-five to thirty years, as far as surface plugs go. I learned ninety percent of all my "tricky" surf fishing from these fellas, before some of them passed away.

Q. Who are some of the current top bass men?

A. Al Urban, John DeMaio with their particular types of fishing; Jersey Captains such as Joe and Jim Renzo, Dominick on the "Frances C," the Coles (father and son) The RidgeRunner, Bob Wallenstein and a few other boats. But they're spread out, few and far between.

Q. What's your definition of a really "good" fisherman?

A. A real top guy is one who doesn't have to be a superman, but is pretty good in every phase or technique of fishing, such as live bait, casting, jigging, trolling, etc. A man who can produce consistently over a long period of time, on all species in his area. Not the guy who claims a medal for one or two days or nights of good fishing. Lots of fellas get into one particular phase of fishing and make a pretty good rep ... all well and good, till this particular type of fishing fades—then they fade with it, because they're not flexible enough to get into another end of fishing. Years ago, when bunker fishing first started, lots of reps were made because some heavy catches of big fish were made with live bait. In my estimation, you don't have to be a superstar to catch fish with live bait. If you have it and a 12-year-old kid next to you has it, his chances of getting a fifty pounder are just as good as yours. I don't think there's any real skill involved. I could give a fifteen minute talk on live bait fishing and you'd probably end up with as much knowledge on the subject as anyone in the business. A man's an expert when he's good in every phase or technique of fishing.

Q. Is it true that you sold the Kim, and if so, why?

A. Yes, I sold the boat; she was the best I'd ever owned. She was designed and performed perfectly for the type of fishing I was doing for the ten years that I owned her. Never gave me a heartache. The only reason I sold her, is that the fish are moving further and further offshore and further away from my area ... and the boat did have a gas engine, which was getting too expensive to feed. My average run to Jersey for bass was at least twenty to thirty miles from my inlet every morning. So, between a fifty mile run of twenty-five miles each way, plus seven or eight hours of trolling, it was getting so I couldn't do it and still try to hold a fair price for my customers. I was burning approximately 17 gallons per hour at $.80 a gallon. That's a big nut to

crack. Also, I got into more offshore fishing about eight years ago. As the bass thinned out, I had to diversify; so rather than chase ghosts all summer long, I started shark and tuna fishing, and got a following for these fish during the summer. Believe it or not, now the sharks are starting to thin out and I have to run further and further offshore. Years ago, I could run fifteen to twenty miles off and have all the sharks I wanted. Now I'm running thirty to fifty miles off for the same type of fishing. Again, I run into problems of fuel consumption. The new boat has a larger fuel capacity plus a diesel engine. I was running out of my fuel range. I needed more and more passengers to cover my bills, and my boat was strictly a six passenger boat. The new Kim can take more people, has a lot more range, carries a lot more fuel, and has a fuel-stretching diesel. I'll be able to reach a lot more places that I couldn't reach before.

Q. How about some of the scoop on the boat you're building.

A. The new boat should be ready by mid-April. She's a 36' Harris, all Fiberglas and being built up in Amesbury, Mass. It's basically a commercial hull, an offshore lobster boat rigged up for sport fishing. It's got a tremendous cockpit. She won't be as fast as the other boat was, but it'll hang in there at a steady 15-16 knots in almost any kind of weather, and it enables me to diversify. I can carry a lot more people and I can do it a lot cheaper. It also eliminates that solid month of seven days a week sanding and painting that kept the old Kim in the condition that I liked to keep it. All in all, I had to make the move or get out of the business 'cause it wasn't worth investing in larger fuel tanks in the old Kim. That would have meant ripping up the teak decks, and no matter what, she was still only a twenty-eight footer. With business getting thinner and thinner every year, I had to put everything in my favor. I looked at a lot of different boats for three years.

Q. Why did you choose a Harris?

A. Well, after looking at various boats over the three years, roughly, I narrowed it down to two or three particular boats that fitted my particular situation, such as seaworthiness, room, carrying capacity, bottom configuration. I went up and spoke to most of the offshore commercial and lobster fishermen out of Rhode Island, Maine and Mass., and got their opinion. That narrowed it down to two, and this one had just a little more of an edge. The runner-up was a Bruno Stillman. The Bruno's a round bilge boat and I wanted a hard chine boat because it's much more stable. She's got a deep forefoot, with a sharp entry which is excellent in a head sea ... and will be able to take anything this area can hand out. My biggest problem around here are those runs home from New Jersey, with east winds in the afternoon. I end up running into 10-12 foot head seas for twenty miles—it does a job on you. This boat was designed just for that purpose. She's a solid boat and well built. I will also be representing the boat on Long Island for anyone interested in buying one.

Q. What was it that got you started specializing in striped bass?

A. Striped bass was always the poor man's game fish. It put the average Joe in reach of real sport. When I was a kid, none of us ever thought of fishing for swordfish, tuna or marlin. That was something that you saw in the movies or read about. Striped bass was difficult to catch and was a fairly large fish when you did catch it. It offered "notoriety" and brought you into the limelight if you were good at it. So ... the average guy could devote a lot of time to that type of fishing and get somewhat of a reputation—which I guess everyone goes through at sometime or other during their fishing career. Not a great fighting fish; they're an average fighter, but are difficult to catch. I'm going back to the days before wire, live bait, umbrella rigs and the fancy electronics used today. You had to use your head and the guys who produced were pretty sharp guys—they made most of their own lures and equipment. They derived a lot of

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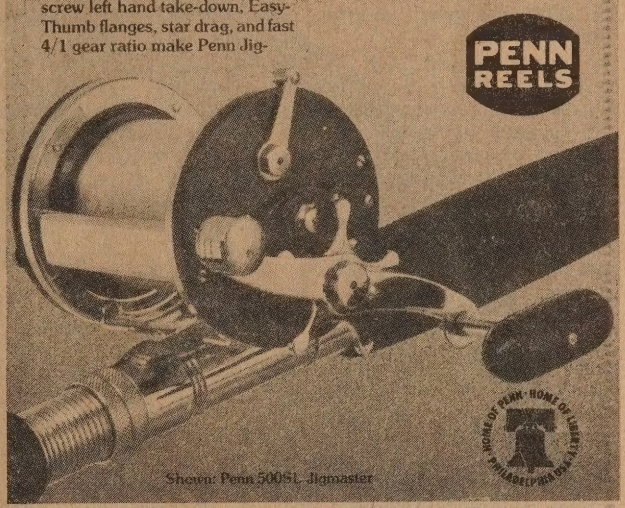

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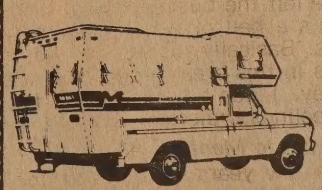

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Q. All this was surf, rather than boat fishing?

A. Yes, that's where I started. I grew up with a kid named Joe Moravec in Yorkville. His father was a member of a group of sharpies (George Deitrick, George Cedar, The Russian) and others in a crew of originators. His father always took me along with them when they went to Montauk, to the Cape, or Rhode Island. I was sort of a tag-along and I really enjoyed the hell out of it. I learned most of what I know today from those guys. But we did start from the beach. Nobody at that time could even *think* of affording to buy a boat. And at that time, the surf fishing was pretty good. At ten or twelve years of age, I caught plenty of fish in the thirty to forty pound range on surface plugs from the beach. That was a lot more fun than dragging umbrella rigs.

Q. Who was your "mentor," your hero in bass fishing then?

A. One of the top guys, George Sedor, who probably no one's ever heard of. A loner; a quiet guy. Fishing cost him a lot of his personal life, as he devoted most of his life to bass fishing. He never said too much, but you learned by just tagging along and watching. He was an excellent caster and rigged eels were his super strong point. That whole group in general were super experts for their time and were originators. They just overflowed with knowledge, and if you were around to pick it up, you did. We fished the jetties, too, of course.

Q. What kind of equipment did you use then?

A. Split bamboo rods, calcutta cane ... one piece with the reel taped on. My first reel was a Sea King—hasn't been made in thirty years. It was similar to the Penn Squidder. I finally graduated to a Penn Surfmaster, which I used for many years. We used linen line, nine thread, twenty-seven pound test Cuttyhunk, which had to be dried every night on line dryers (racks). If you fished it more than an hour, it would swell up on your reel so that with one good backlash, you lost everything. So you really had to develop your casting. It burned the hell out of your thumb and it didn't last too long. You had to watch for rot spots and really take care of it. When nylon line came out, it was a Godsend. George Deitrick made plugs in his garage and that's where we'd all make our plugs, too.

Q. How have you fished for striped bass in all the years since you started?

A. As far as I know, I've fished for them every way you could think of—casting plugs, trolling plugs, tins, live eels, rigged eels, single tubes, handlines, bunker spoons, umbrellas, live bait. You name it—I've done it. Believe it or not, speaking of eels, there are times when a fish doesn't want a live eel, but will jump on a dead one. Or show a preference for a big black tube. Different areas, times and conditions call for experimenting. You try things on a comparison basis. There are times when a trolled eelskin will *bury* a rigged eel and other nights, just the opposite. But after knocking my brains out for years rigging eels, when tubes started, I dyed a tube black and fished it against a rigged eel and it caught fish for fish. That particular night I learned a lesson. Casting live eels (which is a big item today) is a strange beast. There are times that a fish doesn't want a live eel. We used to have to kill the eels, cast 'em into the beach and let 'em lay on the bottom. It was the only way the bass would take 'em. Other days they'd want a lively, swimming eel. You'd be surprised how many days you'll fish a panel (the area between two jetties) and you'll think there's no fish there ... and if there's two guys fishing, lay a dead one in there with the live one—you may be surprised. We used to have to beat them on the deck to kill them and drop the dead eel right on the bottom ... don't even move it. I've caught many tons of fish on dead eels.

Q. What's your own favorite method of striper fishing for your own enjoyment?

A. It used to be surface plugs cast into the water at the ends of the Atlantic Beach and Long Beach jetties. But that was years back. Clam chumming wiped out those big, local resident fish that summered here. I guess I'd still have to say casting surface plugs for stripers to be my own favorite for personal enjoyment. For trolling, I'd say spoons, for two reasons. One, they're super-productive. They don't foul with weed, and when they do foul, they come up to the top so you're never dragging around a "dead line." Also, you can always see that the lure is working by watching the action of the rod. It saves a lot of time reeling in to check a lure for weed. But mostly because they're *very* productive.

Q. What's the history of the now famous and deadly "bunker spoon?"

A. In the late Forties, the charter boat Amity out of Sheepshead Bay always came in with more stripers than anyone else. Nobody knew what he was doing or how or why, but he was doing *something.* I had a skiff by then. One day, we followed him out ... we were only kids. We saw him using these ridiculous-looking, tremendous spoons that no one had ever seen before. No one knew where to get them or anything about them. But now we knew this captain was using some sort of big spoon. At that time, there was only one big spoon available. We ran out and bought these and we caught fish. But this Fred on the Amity caught twenty stripers to our one. He hid his spoons well and as a result, nobody *knew* exactly what he was doing. Then, all of a sudden, George Cedar and Dave Rubin, through a Jersey acquaintance, got some special handmade bunker spoons—all silvery, huge and primitive compared to what we have today. But there were a hell of a lot more fish around then. George showed them to me and we tried to make a few. In fact, he cut up his wife's silver service tray to make a bunker spoon out of, which was a cause of a lot of his marital problems after that. Shortly after, a fellow from Jersey sold me some large, beautifully made, heavy stainless steel spoons and that was how my first encounter with bunker spoons began. I had about fifty of those particular spoons, which were lost to fish over the years. Several companies came out with copies: some good, some bad. Finally, the Lupo spoon came out five or six years ago with the best points of all of them and that seems to be the standard spoon today in two different sizes. In the early days of spoon fishing, we had no wire line. We fished mono in ten to fifteen feet of water on top of the breakers. In fact, anyone who went out to twenty feet was considered a boob. We fished right in the surf where the waves start to make up and on mono; and let the spoon go out until it hit the bottom, then we'd take in a few turns on the reel. This was the way we fished them. Of course, we've learned a hell of a lot since then. No ... wire wasn't even heard of in those days.

Q. What do your charters do besides spoon fishing today?

A. Leaving Debs Inlet in the morning, I can start fishing live bait or plugs in the dark, and move into trolling spoons and umbrellas by mid-morning, and maybe wind up jigging by early afternoon. This is what we've deteriorated to today, just to try to produce a few fish. Lately, you have to consider yourself lucky if after doing all this, you're able to scratch up a fair catch.

Q. How has your catch of striped bass been these last few seasons? Increasing? Holding steady? Declining?

A. Declining by leaps and bounds! The last "fair" year we had was 1977. I use the word "fair." It wasn't good; I caught enough bass to satisfy my people. I figured bass to be down 75% in '77 from a base period of the Fifties. And I'd say it was down 90-95% in 1978, from the Fifties. I know a hell of a lot of really sharp fishermen who put in a lot of time in the spring of '78 and didn't come away with ten fish for the whole spring run ... and I'm talking about twenty-five to thirty days of fishing. Picked up very slightly in the fall, and that was it. I really can't see that the '79 season's going to be much better.

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COD & POLLACK

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** called to tell us that he really put the hurts on the big pollack Sunday despite the fog and sloppy seas. Cliff Olsen and friends were aboard and bagged 25 giant pollack in the 25-35 lb. range, along with a few cod. Phil said that he was trolling umbrella rigs around the Southwest Ledge area, just following the birds that were eating the sand eels that the pollack were driving to the surface. The captain said that Thursday was another excellent day with 18 giant pollack taken, but for some reason on Saturday most of the silver bullets taken were small.

Captain Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** called to say that Block Island is still producing the rock cod in good quantities. Depending on the day and the proficiency of the angler catches in the teens and twenties are possible. On one of the occasional trips offshore for bigger cod, Walter Johnson of Brooklyn took a 54 lb. cod, which took honors as the largest fish taken for the week. Buddy said some pollack and hake are also being caught occasionally.

Captain Fritz Hubner of the charter boat **Mistress Too** said that on Saturday he had a party led by Ray Achilli from Bayville aboard and they took 16 huge pollack that weighed in at a range of 20-33 lbs. They also had 5 "hotdog" size

Part of a good catch of 18 pollack from 20-31 lbs. and 26 cod, made aboard the charter boat "Montauk" by Guy De-Catrael and party.

Pool winners of the "Viking Starship's" highly successful May 6 wreck trip were Mike Latorre with a 30 lb. pollack; Rudy Schule with a 56 lb. cod and Mike Presco with a 54 lb. hake.

pollack in the 4-5 lb. range and 14 cod in the 5-10 lb. range. Fritzie said that the pollack are now in tight schools around Southwest Ledge chasing sand eels 8 to 9 " long. Some days they take the tube and jig rig good, but most of the time those trolling red or green tubed umbrella rigs on 200 to 250 feet of wire line seemed to have an edge. The Captain said that things were a little sloppy on Sunday but he managed to take 9 pollack in the 25 lb. class and 5 cod before returning to the dock early.

Henry Colombe of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that things were quiet on the weekend due to the weather and Mother's Day. But Lou Rosado took his boat "Eva-Lou II" to Gardiner's Island and filled up half a shopping cart with snowshoe flounder up to 3¾ lbs. Earlier during the week Dave on the "Marie III" made some big scores with pollack at Block Island. The "Godfather's" Prediction of the Week: the first striped bass will be taken trolling at 12:32 p.m. this Saturday.

Captain Warren Hader called to tell us that fishermen chartering the **Devil Fish** this year will receive the benefit of two experienced captains. After a short retirement, Paul Sundberg, formerly of the famous offshore charterboat Montauk, got a touch of cabin fever and is now mating on the **Devilfish** where he can keep his hands close to the sharks. With all the shark experience to draw from, the boat will concentrate more on the excellent offshore fishing that made Montauk a famous sportfishing center. In addition to sharking, trolling for tuna and baiting billfish, Warren said he is planning a few overnight offshore trips to such big game fish meccas as the Fingers and the Canyon for giant bluefin and yellowfin tuna, swordfish, dolphin, and giant blu marlin. For further information abo these special offshore trips or just regular day of exciting offshor fishing, give Warren a call a 668-3343. Former customers an friends of Paul who wish to speal with him can reach him at his nev number 668-9531.

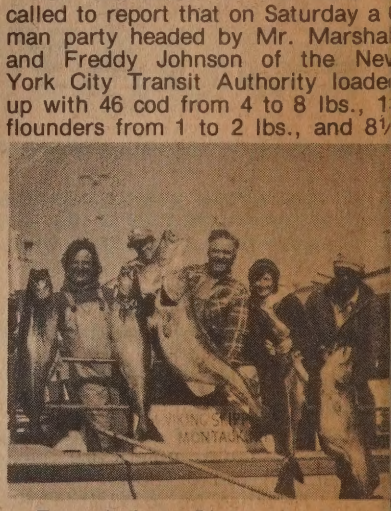
Captain Freddy Bird of the ope boat **Flying Cloud** called and sai fishing is still good at Block Islan and south of it. Mackerel, sea bas and snowshoe flounder are als mixed in the catch. The Bird sai that the Flying Cloud is now sailin everyday for the rest of the season High hooks on the weekend were 2 cod on Saturday and 21 cod Sunday.

Captain John DeMaio of th charter boat **Vivienne** said that o Friday he located a mess of smal cod around Southwest Ledge an took 40 before he ran out of skimme clams. On Saturday he returned t the same area with more bait an took 68 small cod and a few pollac while anchored up.

Charter boat **King Wayne** calle to report that a charter for Tom Wenskus of Wantagh on Friday, ha 53 cod and 13 pollack up to 25 lb fish, working west of Block Island Wayne repeated this catch on Satur day with Lionel Greene of Dumont New Jersey for another 51 good co and pollack all on skimmer clam.

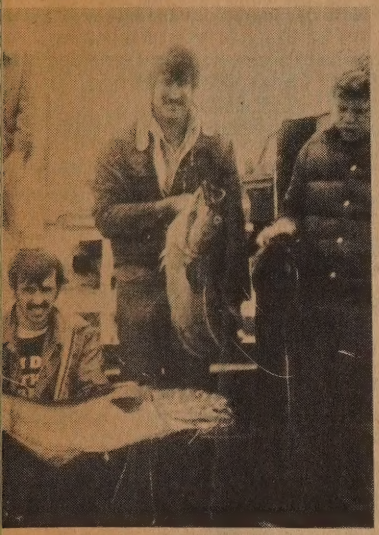
Capt. Bruck Hoek of the charter boat **Tara** found 20 to 25 cod fo charters on both Wednesday an Thursday. On Friday Bruce had 2 cod up to 36 lbs. including a fe pollock, mackerel, and flounder for Mr. Ianno of Manhatten. All the fis were taken on clam bait and fishin was done at the Hooter Buoy.

Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie I** called to report that on Saturday a man party headed by Mr. Marsha and Freddy Johnson of the Ne York City Transit Authority loade up with 46 cod from 4 to 8 lbs., 1 flounders from 1 to 2 lbs., and 8½



From Left to Right are: Paul Giangreco, Fred Ach, Inga Williams and Rich Williams with cod up to 53 lbs., pollack in the 20 lb. class and hake in the 30 lb. class. These fish were all taken on bait and 8 oz. diamond jigs south of the Point aboard the "Viking Skipper II."

blackfish and a 3 lb. seabass. ese fish were also taken at the ock Island Grounds (Hooter Buoy) drifted clam baits.



Cliff Olsen and friends with a few of the 25 lb. pollack they took aboard Capt. Phil Lewis' charter boat "Adios" at Montauk last weekend.

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FLOUNDER

SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark Fleet reports eakfishing slowed during this past eek though plenty were around. he fish just seemed to be not on ie feed as yet. Weaks that were nded were in the 10-12 lb. class. atches have been made on squid rips and artificial worms. Clark ellows expects the weakfishing to reak loose any day now and sees a ery good weakfish season ahead.

Mickey at **Altenkirch Tackle** ported that Peconic Bay is loaded ith weakfish and anglers are nail- g them on red or purple rubber orms. Weakfish up to 13 lbs. are so still being taken in Shinnecock anal both day and night just before nd after the locks are closed. Fluke a couple of pounds are also being ken in the Canal when the locks e closed and some fish are being cked in Shinnecock Bay in the eeper channels. Plenty of flounder ill around, but no one is fishing for iem.

HAMPTON BAYS

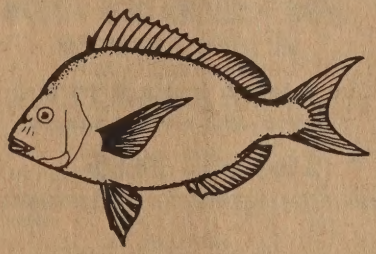
Ronnie at **Tony's Fishing Station** reported that the flounder are still going strong around buoys 17 and 18. Any moving tide is producing between 30 and 40 flounder a boat in the 1¼ to 1½ lb. range. No stray fluke to report as of yet, but there are still some tommycod being taken in deeper holes, and on Saturday Ronnie said he saw his first blowfish of the season.

MORICHES BAY

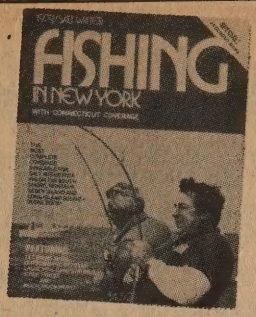
Mark at **Island Fishing Station** reports Sunday was a disaster due to the weather, but on Saturday is rental boats fished buoy 29 . Eugene Mooney fished this area with blood and sand worms and mussel chum and had 53 flounder up to 2 lbs., using instead mussel and mussel chum.

Skidmore's Fishing Station called to say flounder fishing is excellent very close to the dock "short ride—full bags." On Thursday, John Stellingwerf and Gerard Green had 131 flounder at Havens Point. Saturday saw Ronnie Gnutti and Walter CZekaj boat 61 flounder fishing the mouth of SeaTuck Cove, with bloodworms and heavy mussel chum.

East Moriches Bait and Tackle tells us that Leigh Schroeder on Saturday fished buoy 42 and had 25 flounder on bloodworms and mussels. Flounder fishing remains very good with all boats that went after them averaging 26-30 keepers.



Don Mangieri, Arron Kletzrib, Niko Anducic and Howard Korn shown with 44 nice size flounder taken on worms and mussel chum between buoys 43 & 44. The quartet left from Skidmore's Fishing Station.



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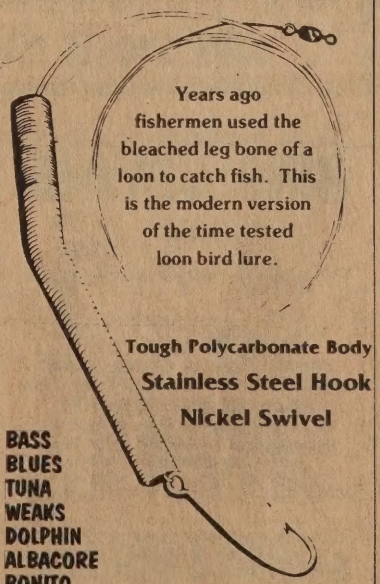

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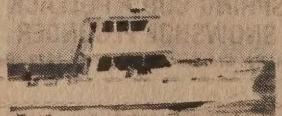

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SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports a emendous amount of weakfish ound, with best action being at cean Beach, down to buoy 29 off reen's Point. Cherry Grove, Fire land Pines and Browns River, also ad fish, on Salty Dogs, jelly and nd worms. Fish are hitting on both des. While numbers are not great, ey are exceptionally big fish. A w blackfish off Barretts Beach. lso some sea bass at Ocean Beach Salty Dogs. Raphael Sanchez and ulio Delgado bagged seven weaks aturday from 7-10 lbs at Ocean each on pink Salty Dogs. Joe eperrie and Frank Faifo had 4 eakfish to 10 lbs. off Green's oint.

WEST SAYVILLE

Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** lls us Mike Andreyszyk and Dan erelli bagged 12 weaks on Saturday p to 10½ lbs. between Ocean each and buoy 30 on purple jelly orms. They drifted live sand worms lso. Joe Gay bagged a 5 lb. fluke n a jelly worm. Sand porgies and a ½ lb. porgy were boated by Kim oung and Larry Gentilini, who taled up with 25 porgies off Ocean each.

EAST ISLIP

Wally of **Buoy II Sport Shop** told s that Jerry Senk and Bill Berg ished West Channel on Saturday nd totaled 65 flounders up to 2 lbs. n worm bait along with 6 weakfish the 7 to 8 lb. range. Both Dick AcGarrity and Tim Meaghar each licked with weakfish in the 11 lb. lass. Dick's was taken at Buoy 4 leckscher while Tim found his tide unner in West Channel. Wally eported that jelly worms, Salty og's and bucktails are all produc- ng fish.

CAPTREE

The Capt. Scotty called to say that is people had 33 weakfish Friday ight and 50 on Saturday night. unday night was a bonanza with fro 0-90 tiderunner weaks hitting the leck. Fares caught all night, all on ed or purple 9'' jelly worms, vorking West Channel, ebb tide est. A few 3-4 lb. fluke also fell to elly worms.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** called and reported very good flounder activity; best along South Beach from Atlantique through Robert Moses Bridge. Catches were best at the change of tide. Friday's charter for the IRS totaled 350 keepers. Saturday's charter had 200 keepers.

Carl Bower of the **Captain Whittaker** was enthuised about the good early run of fluke developing inside Fire Island Inlet. On Saturday morning 90 of the new arrivals were taken on sandeel bait near the Robert Moses Bridge. The fish were all keepers and ran up to 3 lbs. Switching over to flounders in the afternoon decent fishing was found in the Kismet area. The flounders are of mixed sizes with the biggest running about 1¾ lbs. The beluga whale which has been living in the area for 2 months now has been hanging around the Inlet just west of the bridge in recent days.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the boat of the same name says that he has been fluking since last Thursday and doing well on the flood tide in the Inlet area. Sandeels and spearing both take fish and the Captain said that the pool fish has gone to 5 lbs. on a couple of occasions. Friday's catch came to over 100 of the summer flounder.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** reported a good catch of mackerel for Saturday but that he will be weakfishing from here on in due to the long run for mackerel and the excellent weakfishing now going on in the area.

The **Speedy VII** reported that despite the rotten weather on Saturday night 30 weakfish from 7 to 13 lbs. were taken by those aboard. Many fish were dropped which is customary in this fishing. Fishing is being done in West Channel and at Ocean Beach with jelly worms and sandworms taking the bulk of the fish.

Capt. Marty at the **Jib VI** reports that on Sunday they enjoyed pretty decent fluke fishing near the Robert Moses Bridge and also in the State Channel. Tom McQuee had the pool fish, a healthy 5 pounder. Average catch aboard was 5 keepers per man. Weakfishing has been excellent with Sunday afternoon's trip producing 50 big yellowfins. All the fish were taken on grape and

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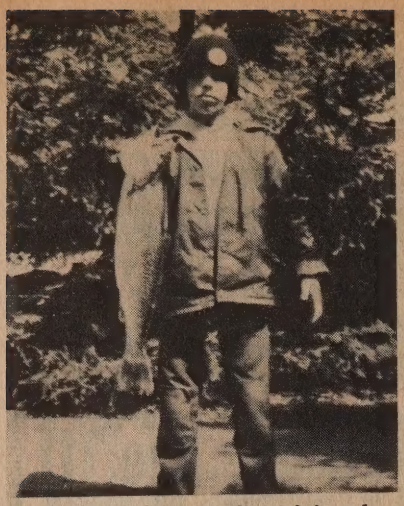

Young Paul McCormick of Massapequa, displays the 7 lb. weakfish he landed using 6 lb. test and a bucktail tipped with squid. Site of the fine catch was Ocean Beach. Subscriber Photo.

strawberry jelly worms at Ocean Beach and in West Channel. Come down to Captree and get in on some of this exciting fishing while it lasts.

BAY SHORE

Casey Lee reports flounder continue excellent at West Channel, Clam Pond, the Lighthouse and South Beach. Best at the change of tide on worm and clam bait. Afternoon weaks have been off to a great start. Friday and Saturday, all fish were giants from 8-12 lbs., on jelly worms and sand worms. Best action seemed to come in West Channel, 15 mins. from the dock. Catches were 1-3 per man and 2 fish were dropped for every one caught. This was due to big fish on light line. Tackle is furnished on the boat. Just as many fish were caught on drifted out jellies or sands proving out you didn't have to be a proficient caster to catch.

Carl at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** says flounder are still being caught west of the Bridge and at the Sore Thumb on worm and clam. A good showing of fluke over the weekend. This was west of the bridge to the Lighthouse on sand eels and squid. On Sunday, Carl weighed in a 3½ lb. fluke. They are still on the thin side so early in the season. A couple of kings and blowfish were taken at the Wreck Buoy. Weaks were caught good through West Channel and Ocean Beach between buoys 12-13A on white jelly worms. The ebb has been best and fish have been up to 12 lbs. all week.

OAK BEACH

The Store reports 2 lb. blues were in the Inlet Saturday morning and were hitting jelly worms put out there by weakfish freaks. Some fluke were also hitting jelly worms. Weaks have been taken on sand worms and jelly worms at Ocean Beach for the most part. The macks died this weekend. Some fluke are being taken north of the store in the back

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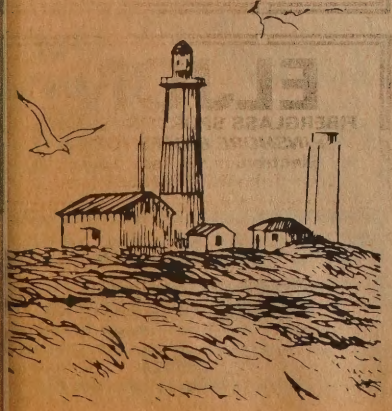
he Store is stocking fresh jumbo nd eels for that purpose. Anglers n still average 5-10 flounder on e north side of the store, from the each or dock or from the Sore humb for boat fishermen. Two to ve pound blackfish being taken off e rock jetty south of The Store. arry the Plumber had 6 blacks in e 6 lb. range off that jetty on clam id bloodworms. A 4½ lb. striper as taken at the construction dock a small black Rebel for Bill (no st name) on Saturday afternoon's coming tide.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports hat George Kreppein of VANS AND x4 CONVERSIONS OF LONG SLAND bagged a 4 lb. 2 oz. sea ass. Partner Steve Rossner bagged 9 lb. weak. Dolores tells us George as been catching weakfish all week ng. They weighed in a 4 lb. 10 oz. uke for Jack Barry , who caught is fish on a white jelly worm. Lots weaks around. Ron Sup along ith sons Mike and Tony took seven eaks from 6-12 lbs. 7 oz. on red nd purple jelly worms off Ocean each. Catches have been made in Vest Channel and in the State hannel for surf casters. Smaller zed flounder now at the Sore humb on worms. Some fluke are eing taken around the Moses ridge on sand eels and squid.

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** lls of weaks in the State Channel, the Babylon Cut and at the rawbridge. West Channel has also roduced on jelly worms. During the eek, there were good flounder tches at the Babylon flats between e head buoy and the bridge. Fluke ave started and some semi-door- ats have been weighed in. Some sh have even been taken by shore sters under the drawbridge.

Mario at **High Hook Fishing tation** tells of weakfish of 9½ and ¼ lbs. taken by Bob Schneider and ad at West and Dickerson Chan- els, buoys 4 and 5. They braved unday's weather armed with jelly orms and Salty Dogs. Ralph and al in Friday's storm took 21 ounder on worms in the State hannel.



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Larry at **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** ells us flounder action is slowing ut there is still activity at Ocean Beach and the Sore Thumb for ever-say-die flounder-pounders. Weaks off Ocean Beach, West Islnd, Heckscher, at the Meadowbrook Bridge on all artificials, especially trawberry jelly worms. Blacks at he bridges on crabs and clam at lack water. Flounder at the Inlets n sand eels and squid.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle confirms hat fluke have started in the inlet n sand eels. Black are being taken t the artificial reel on fiddler crabs. Stripers have been caught at Demoratic. Joe Caniglio had 6 bass up to 8½ lbs., all on sand worms early Thursday morning from the beach. Charlie says these are the first bass e has weighed in this year. Floun er have dropped off. Jellies are aking weaks in the State Channel, he drawbridge, Ocean Beach and at he construction dock. These are -10 lb. fish and they want white, rape and strawberry. Lots of blueclaw crabs and loads of sea robins round. Should be a super crab ear. Gill netters have encountered ix lb. bluefish in their nets this veek.

AMITYVILLE

Combs Bait and Tackle tells of a 3 lb. 2 oz. striper taken at the Obstruction Buoy 2A, which is etween the F.I. light and the Coast Guard Station, on a fluke rig tipped vith sand eels offered by Joe Szybillo of Farmingdale on Saturday. Blowfish have been fair in the State Channel and in F.I. Inlet, hitting luke rigs. Weaks good from the State Channel through Zachs Bay vith sand worms on a high hook and ed or purple 9" jelly worms on a ong leadered bottom hook. Unqua Point, East West Channel and Ft. Neck Pt. Flounder holding up at West and Squaw Islands. George as a supply of shrimp chum in for veakfishing and he says it also looks ike a great blowfish year.

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Pop's Fishing Station reports extremely good flounder catches luring the week, but damp weather

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and Mother's Day reduced the number of people fishing on Sunday. Catches have been way above normal. Walter Scott and Ben Rudaitis of Massapequa Park had 204 flounder up to 2½ lbs., most from 1 to 1½ lbs. Two other groups each had over 200 flounder also. This was on worms and clams in Massapequa Cove and Four Corners. Eels, blowfish and blackfish are being caught along with a couple of fluke at the third bridge.

Big Eddie at **Shore Isle Marina** tells us Mike Bolpus had 10 weaks at the Meadowbrook Bridge on white bucktails in the dark on outgoing water. These fish ran from 9½ to 12 lbs. and Tuesday night was Mike's lucky time. John Esposito and Fred "Friendly" had 65, 1-2 lb. flounder at Squaw Island Friday in just 2 hrs. on bloods and clam chum. Paul and Steve, fished west of the 2nd Wantagh on their boat High Hopes and had 60 flounder Friday on bloods, red-dyed clam and clam chum. Fluke on killies, outgoing water at the inlet.

Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station tells us that due to bad weather, the weekend was a washout, but that during the week, his rentals ranged from 50 to 120 flounder each, fish going up to 2½ lb. on clam and worm fishing Massapequa Cove.

Captain Eddy's Fishing Station reports that during the week Hank Ryan had 60 plus flounder and 3 blowfish fishing Squaw Island and also the 2nd and 3rd bridges.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** tells us that one rental skiff fished Swift Creek on Saturday with sand eels and came back with 43 keeper fluke. Flounder fishing was good during the week, until Friday's windstorm descended. Best areas were Ned's Creek at the S-turn and also at the junction of Broad and

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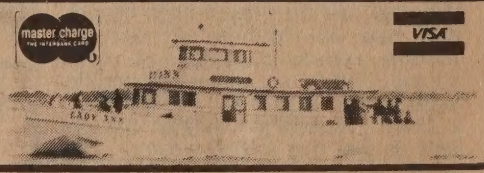

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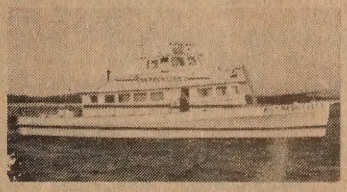

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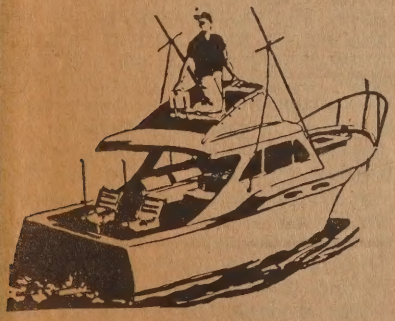

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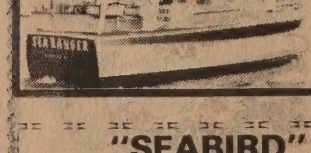

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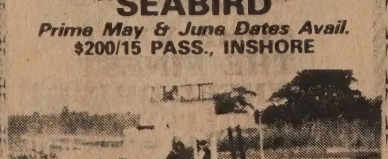

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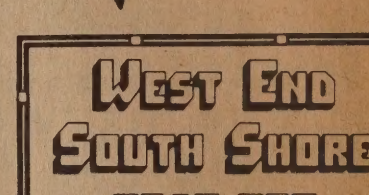
Merrick Marine Tackle Center reports good flounder fishing during the week in Merrick Bay on worm and clam and heavy chumming. Some 2-3 lb. fluke hitting squid and sand eels in Jones Inlet. Weaks at Ocean Beach with jelly worms seeming to be the best bait. Also some weaks in the State Channel at Zachs Bay.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports a few flounder were taken at Reynold Channel buoy 17. Also some 2½-3 fluke fell for killies and squid.



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FREEPORT

Mark's Bait and Tackle reports that Danny and Carol Schmidt of Elmont had 14 keeper fluke, 4 of which were 2½ lbers., taken in Jones Inlet on the last of the ebb and also at the mouth of Reynolds Channel Saturday, on sand eels and squid and also on sundial strips. Ken Werlye of Freeport bagged a 12 lb. weak in the State Channel just east of Sachs Bay, incoming tide on a grape jelly worm. A 9 lb. blackfish was pulled up at the Meadowbrook bridge on a bloodworm by John Levins of Westville, New Jersey on Thursday. Lots of blackfish at the Meadowbrook bridge.

Bob at **Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle** reports that Bob Hubler on his boat Joint Venture, bagged 367 macks Saturday, one-half mile S.E. of Ambrose Tower and kept the fish around with heavy ladling of ground ling. Sunday saw Nick Asher taken a 10½ lb weak at the Meadowbrook bridge on white grape flavor jelly worm. Herb Frank, fishing with a recoil worm Saturday had 3 weakfish at the Meadowbrook bridge. Herb also used apple jelly worms. Thursday, Jerry Hauser fished an 8" recoil worm and took an 8 lb. weakfish. Some fluke at the inlet on the Reynolds Channel side on sand eels.

The Capt. Lou III called to say

flounder fishing was excellent in the early part of the week, high hook everyday ranging into the thirties. On the weekend, he caught good on the flounder in the main channels and also picked away at some fluke in the afternoon at the Inlet. All keeper fluke ran up to 4½ lbs. Flounder were big also, up to 2¾ lbs. The fluke wanted sand eels and flounder bellies. The boat has now switched over to fluke daily. See ad for details.

The Blue Fin Fleet reports they had the best flounder fishing of the year this week. On Friday, good catches of flounder were made on both tides on worms and clam with the same repeated Saturday and Sunday. Capt. Sy Karlin said no chumming was necessary. Many fish were in the 1-2 lb. range and they work the CG at slack and local creeks and channels at moving water. Flounder have moved from the back into the inlet areas. Friday's trip was for the Lynbrook School system's 4th graders. Saturon the **Bluefin II** they repeated an excellent catch of ½ to ¾ lb. fish, with the pool going to Paul Haiss with a 2 lb. flounder; Sunday's pool topped out at 2 lb. 8 oz. Some fluke were mixed in Friday's and Saturday's catch and ran up to 2½ lb. Worms and clam are the bait. Captain Tony DeLernia on the **Bluefin** had excellent flounder with a 2½ winner on Saturday. Sunday Charlie Adams ran the boat and again, very good flounder fishing was had. The entire area is loaded with grass shrimp.

The Captain Al reports macks were very good until Saturday, when the boat switched over to ling, whiting sea bass and blackfish, which will be fished in local areas. The flounder fishing on the Capt. Bill has been fantastic, fish ranging up to 2½ lbs. at the CG station and the Meadowbrook bridge. Charlie Payne of Freeport was high hook with 30 flounder Tuesday, 2 friends had 40 keepers between them. Catches were on worm and clam.Lot of grass shrimp in sloop channel.

The StarStream II reports now that the macks have swum out of reach to the east, he is switching over to ling, sea bass and blacks, starting Saturday. This should make a good spring mixed bag and afford lots of succulent meals for the table.

Despite Friday's terrible sea conditions, Capt. Joe Long put his charter boat **Nite Owl** over one his pet offshore wrecks for Marty Somers and party and managed to bag cod of 46 and 48 lbs. on clam baits. Joe also tells us he knows of one fellow who had 35 fluke Sunday morning on incoming in the inlet on sand eels.

The Captain Hall has given up chasing mackerel for the season and will start fluking on Saturday in earnest. His first fluking trip was last Saturday to test out the situation and results were very satisfying. Four of the fish were between 20 and 22" and only three fish were shorts on Saturday. Fares had between 6 and 9 fluke per man. Captain Dick Hall says it's an early and strong start on these summer flounder.

Lou at **Charvin Fishing Station** reports all the Freeport head boats are back to bottom fishing for ling, sea bass and blackfish now that the macks have swung beyond reach. The flounder boats continue to do well at Short Beach and Jones Inlet. Saturday saw a private group fish Squaw Island. They left with a half bushel of clams and returned with 94 flounder to 2½ lbs. Weakfish at Ocean Beach on jelly and sand worms. Good fluke catches are being made on the Capt. Lou III and Aloma and private boats in Reynolds Channel on the ebb.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports 2 of his skiffs returned this week with 4 fluke each fishing near the inlet, Short Beach and Reynolds Channel on sand eels. Some blackfish at high flat drain and the Meadowbrook. Forty flounder for Tony Gullo and Buddy Russ fishing the CG station on worms and mussels. Tony Bracci filled up 2½, 5-gallon pals during the week with flounder and also a 3 lb. weakfish working Haunts Creek near the State Channel.

Freeport Boatmen's Association tells us the fluking has started nicely. On Saturday, the Norsemen had 130 fluke with a lot of 3 and 4 lbers., pool fish going 5½ lbs. **Nite Owl II** and the **Atlantic** fished flounder Saturday at Reynolds Channels pole 19 and caught well on the morning tides. **The Captain Joe** had flounder and fluke fishing Reynolds Channel also on Saturday. Take note that the Nite Owl II is rapidly booking up its May 28 cod wreck trip, so reserve very quickly as the 38-man limit is being filled.

The Aloma II reports the fluke are great, with catches of 5-22 fish a man. Saturdays high hook was 22 fluke. Catches are averaging 5-8 fish per. Spider is working Reynolds Channel, State Channel, Swift and Long Creek using sand eels only. A 5 lb. fluke took the pool Saturday and a 4 lber. grabbed big money Friday. There have been very few throwbacks. Last of the incoming has been best.

The Miss Freeport has wound up mackerel fishing and is now fishing fluke daily, 7AM.

Charter Boat **Ivory Queen** Skipper Capt Joe called to report Saturday's fluke charter for Steve Bento of Whitestone came back with 15 fluke to 4½ lbs. The boat fished Reynolds Channel, Long Creek and the CG station on sand eels and squid strips. Seven fluke taken Thursday and 10 Friday.

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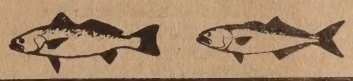

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n Saturday Joe Magino had 50 lounders on worms and mussels shing in Swift Creek. On Sunday, Alfred Stewart and Harold Bensen eturned with 82 nice size flounder p to 2½ lbs. from the Coast Guard tation. These fish were taken on lams and worms. Ed reported that luke fishing is now off the ground. Benny Kozuck got the ball rolling vith 10 of the summer flounder up o 3½ lbs. late last week. Benny ook all his fish on spearing. Blacks t the Meadowbrook Bridge on iddlers and some weaks in the back ay on jelly worms.

Scotty's Fishing Station told of Irv Grossman who totaled 25 keeper luke on Saturday using sandeels nd mackerel belly strips. Alan, of Lido Beach returned to the station vith 15 of the newly arrived flatfish. Mackerel are south of Fire Island in 10 feet of water and there are lounders near the Coast Guard tation on worms and clams. Vinnie regular customer returned with ¾ f a bushel of nice size flounder rom this area. Weakfish being aken east in the State Channel near West Gilgo on sandworms and jelly worms.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie of **Beckmann's Tackle** spoke of real good fluking Saturday and Sunday in Reynold's Channel from the Point Lookout Bridge to the Inlet. Eighty percent of the fish are keepers and combo baits such as squid and sandeel or spearing and sandeels rigged on a Tandem hook have been deadly. Good blackfishing at the bridges. Fish are running 1 to 4 lbs. and are being taken on fiddlers of which Charlie has a good supply of. Flounders are working towards the inlet but good catches of nice size flatties are being made. Weakfish are being taken nights between the Meadowbrook Bridge and the Wantagh Bridge. The first part of incoming tide is producing lots of action for those using sandworms, jelly worms, and bingle dandy tails.

Captain Clem of the **Commodore** tells of a pretty darn good Saturday and Sunday on fluke. Herb Weinstein of Canarsie had a 4 lb. fluke along with 12 other fluke. Bill Strobel had 14 keeper fluke on Saturday. These fish are averaging 2½ lbs. and are mostly keepers. Sharpie fluker Tom Rupp of Canarsie blitzed 32 keeper fluke on sand eels, some fish close to 4 lbs. The boat is fishing in Reynolds Channel and from the Meadowbrook Bridge to Short Beach. The boat had 150 fluke on Saturday. Queens angler Menderis had 13. Even Clem from the pilot house had 8 fluke. Passengers are averaging about 8 keepers per man.

LONG BEACH

John Maurer, Bob Krogman, and George Sweeney totaled 108 flounder fishing at Buoy 8, Duck Point with worms and mussels on Saturday. Bob King returned to the marina with 12 nice size fluke, also taken at Duck Point on sandeels. All the fluke being taken are keepers and it looks like the start of a banner fluke season. The marina will have killies by this weekend.

Charter boat **Nyar I** called to tell us he is whiting fishing just 45 mins. from his dock and action is fantastic. Individual catches range in the 100s. Smitty and Tiny Higgins lugged 5 gal. pails off the boat Thurday. Dr. Franzese and John Bierbalz also experienced the same fishing on

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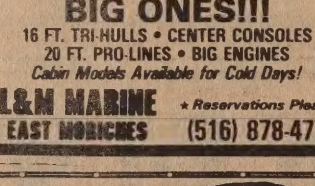

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Saturday. Fish ranged up to 3½ lbs. The boat will stay with the whiting until the fluking becomes strong. Captain Bruce expects to be strictly fluking on a daily basis by May.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper called to tell us that his new **Kim** arrived here a couple of weeks ago from where it was built in New England and that he is putting all the finishing touches on it to make it absolutely "ship-shape" to start the charter season from its usual south shore berth at Hennings, Atlantic Beach. Knowing that Ronnie is a perfectionist, once he gets this boat ready for action, she should be a sight to behold.

ROCKAWAYS

Skippy's Bait and Tackle tells of good fluke fishing for Paul Panesuk, Lynbrook, Don Langdon is Island Park and brother Dave of Lynbrook fished off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club in Reynolds Channel and got 38 keepers to 2½ lbs. The fluke are still thin. Sand eels and squid did the job. Flounder are still a good item at buoy 19 and Swift Creek. Ling and whiting took a slight nosedive on the weekend due to the weather. Some blackfish at the Atlantic Beach and Silver Pt. Jetty on fiddlers and green crabs. Looks like a super blueclaw crab and sand eel year. Eight blues to 10 lbs. caught their gills in a net during the week.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **Dorothy B** has been doing an excellent job on the local flounder this past week. Fishing only 20 minutes from the dock the boat has been averaging 20 fish per angler up to nice, fat 3 pound fish. These fish are hitting mussel and worm bait. The **Dorothy B** will start their openboat season on fluke this upcoming Saturday, get ready for those summer flatties.

The **Atomic II** is doing super good on the whiting and ling. Populations fishing the Scotland Light. Catches are running from 1-2 buckets per person of ½ whiting up to 1½ pounds and ½ ling up to 2½ pounds.

The **New Elsie K III** reports that mackerel ar gone from the area, but he has been getting plenty of fish for his fares. A mixed bag of flounder, blackfish, whiting and ling are being taken everyday by anglers fishing in local waters.

Captain Walter of the **Flamingo II** tells of very good whiting and ling fishing in local waters just a short way from the jetty. The captain says if you can drift, you'll get more whiting. But if you must anchor you'll get more ling. The whiting are running from 1½ to 2½ lbs. and ling from 2-4 lbs. Sea bass are

showing better and better everyday. Saturday's $84 pool was scoffed up by a 4 lb. sea bass.

Mike's Bait and Tackle tells of a lot of whiting around the warrior buoy, just 2 mi. east of the Breezy Point jetty. Fluke are starting to be picked up. The **Blue Sea III** had 15 fluke while whiting fishing Thursday (5 were keepers). The weekend was a little tough due to fog and a big heave for the blackfish boats. Flounder at the shoal buoy. Rumors of bass in Staten Island's Great Kills Bay up to 8 lbs. bucktailed.

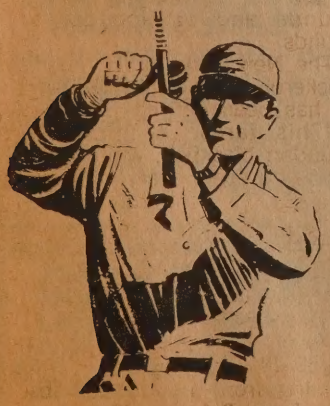
Guy De Blasio called to tell us he had a few 8-10 lb. bass on sand worms fishing the Rockaway jetty and bass are also being taken jigging and on worms. Some herring are being jigged on mackerel tubes. There are still flounder off the Rockaways. Whiting and ling fishing still good. Weakfish in the Peconics has been good with 18 weaks up to 10½ lbs. taken Thursday and 23 on Tuesday averaging 9½ lbs. Guy fished out of **Capt. Marty's** with jelly worms and white bucktails and worked from Roses Grove.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle told us that flounder fishing remains pretty good and mackerel fishing continues worthwhile also. The Tin can Grounds has been a consistent producer of fast mackerel and flounder action.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** reports the flounder fishing is nearing the end but fluke have made a showing at Great Kills Park and South Beach. Blackfish are at all the Rock Piles as well as the Old Piers on fiddlers and skimmers and weakfish in the 3 to 5 lbs. range are being taken in Great Kills Harbor on worms. Ling are in the bay between the "Old Home Dock" and Buoy 20. These fish are 1 to 2 lbs. and falling to worms and squid. Stripers are being taken on worms at Jersey St., Sailors Snug Harbor, and Pennys Beach. Fish are being taken on bucktails at Cliff St. The bass are running from shorts up to 5 lbs.



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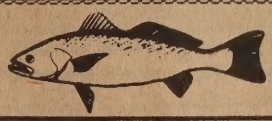

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Marinated Mackerel with Roe

Dredge 2 lbs. of mackerel fillets in seasoned flour and fry them in oil until golden brown. Make a marinade by combining 1½ cups white vinegar with 1 cup of dry white wine, 2 medium sized onions, peeled and cut in thin slices, 6 peppercorns and 1 bay leaf. Bring the marinade to a boil and then add the sieved mackerel roe. When the mixture has cooled to lukewarm, pour it over the fried fillets and let the fish stand in the fridge overnight before serving as an appetizer.

Broiled Mackerel with Barbecue Sauce

Oily as they are, mackerel respond well to broiling and this zesty sauce makes them something special.

Use unskinned fillets or small mackerel that have been split and flattened. Brush the skin side of the fish with the following mixture: 1/2 cup ketchup, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 tsp. brown sugar. Broil the fish, brushing with more sauce every now and then, until the flesh is flaky and done.

Mackerel with Tomato Sauce

Use 2 medium sized or 1 large mackerel for this. Prepare it for baking by removing the fins and tail. If you wish you can also pull out the backbone. Season the inside of the fish with salt and pepper and sprinkle on a bit of lemon juice, then place it in an oiled baking dish. Pour one can of drained, stewed tomatoes over it and add about 1/4 cup dry white wine. Srinkle the top of the fish with a light layer of bread crumbs. Season with salt and pepper and dot with butter. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for about 30 mins. or until the fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

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AP White Bait Shop reports that considering the weather fishing in the area is very good. On Friday the charter boat **Prowler** had 30 big weakfish for a praty headed by Larry Schumann. On Saturday the boat had 60 flounder up to 3 lbs. whch were taken in Gardiners Bay on mussels and mussel chum.

The **Brand X** has been enjoying good fishing for big flounders in Gardiners Bay and also in the Sound. The weakfishing is in full swing from Buoy 17 to Robins Island. Fish are big and are being taken on jelly worms, shrimp lures, and Mr. Twisters.

Captain George Porter of the **Branx X** reports flounder fishing good through Friday, but the weather put action down for the weekend. Through the week, the boat was getting 400 to 500 flounder a day. The boat has switched to

This outstanding catch of 37 weaks up to 10 lbs. was made by Ronnie and Fred Lando. The pair fished between buoys 25 and 30 and took their fish on bucktails, jelly worms, and Salty Dogs. Photo courtesy Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

weakfish and will be working the Peconic Bay area for east end tiderunners.

SOUTHOLD

Ace of the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** told us that there are some excellent weakfishing going on at Jessups, Buoys 16, 17, and 18. The fish averaged 8 to 9 lbs. and Ace has weighed them in over 13 lbs. Salty Dogs tipped with squid and grape flavored jelly worms are taking most of the tiderunners. A fe macks remain in the Long Beach area. The flounder are also hanging in there. Flatties are being taken at Cedar Point and Long Beach on mussels and worms.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's reports weakfishing is super. Two Queens anglers by the names of Fred and Joe returned with 70 tiderunner weaks from 8 to 13 lbs. over the weekend. Fish were all taken on jelly worms in the South Race. Incoming tide has been the most productive and white bucktails and Salty Dogs produce along with the jelly worms. A few porgies up to 2½ lbs. at Buoy 30 on clam bait.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Bait And Tackle reports that weakfishing is excellent. Best time is early a.m. or evenings. Fish are running 6 to 14 lbs. and are being taken on jelly worms, rubber shrimp, and Warren's own special "secret" lure which he sells at his shop. Hot areas have been Buoys 28 and 30 in 15 to 20 feet of water. He also reported porgies in 1½-3½ lb. range being taken on sandworms and clam bait at Robins Island and Cows Neck. Mackerel still at Jessups and bass up to 15 lbs. are being

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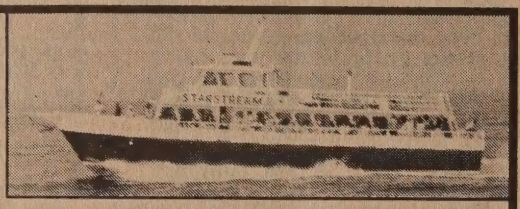

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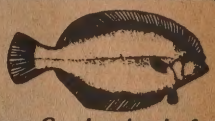

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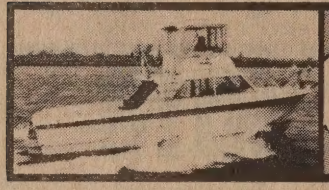

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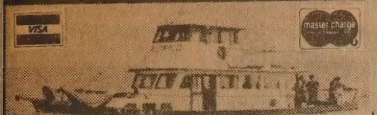

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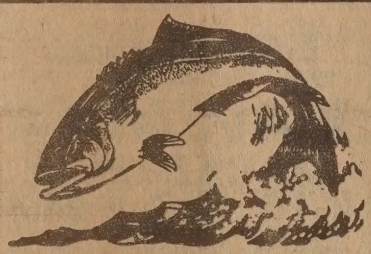

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taken by some of his customers along Sound Beaches on small Hopkins and blueback Red-Fins cast from shore.

NOYAC

Barbara at **Noyac Marina** reports great weakfishing in Noyac Bay. Barbara and Roy Eliot of Scotia, New York on Friday and Saturday had a good catch of weaks for the freezer and returned the rest of their catch carefully to the water. Best action has been off the Monastery and buoy 16, on grape, red and amber jelly worms. And also on squid. Two anglers on Freddie's Getaway, had a good catch Friday and Saturday of over 30 weaks from 8-11½ lbs. on jelly worms. Manny and Linda did very well Saturday on jellies fishing the Monastery and Buoy 17.

PECONICS

Dan Marro of the Huntington Anglers had a good weakfish trip with Mike and Domenick Nicoletti guests of Harry and Viola Zeiss of Mattituck fishing Peconic Bay. They took 7 big weaks. Harry had a 7 lbrs and Dan, 9½ and Mike had one of 9¾ lbs. Best area was between Cows Neck and Robins Island. Bait used was small white bucktails and squid, also a couple on jelly worms.

Speck's Bait and Tackle reports Cow Neck, Robins Island, Jessups and Noyac Bay are producing weakfish. Bill Fales Sr. and Jr., along with Mark Pellos and Paul Penich fished Noyac with jelly worms and had 30 weaks up to 12¾ lbs. These jelly worms were purple and red. Hot baits are jelly worms, white bucktails and white Salty Dogs. Two anglers from Huntington fished Cow Neck and had 4 weakfish in the 9 lb. range on white bucktails. A 10 lb. blackfish fell to a sandworm off Robins Island for N. J. angler Elwood Hirston.

Part of a beautiful catch of 16 weaks up to 12 lbs. made by Buster Dennis, Marcus "Scooter" Stevens and George Savopolis on jelly worms. The trio left from the Noyac Marina.

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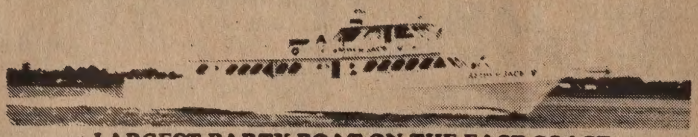

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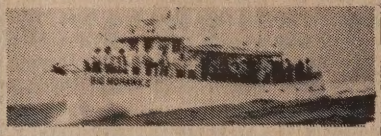

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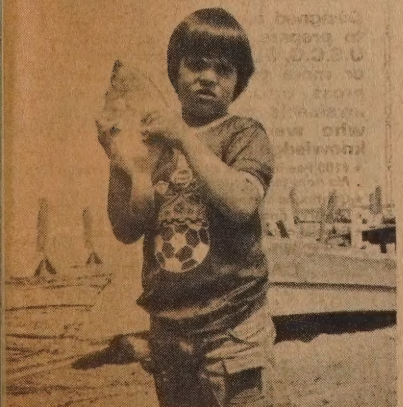
ROCKY POINT

Stan of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** eports mackerel are still all over the ound. They are big fish averaging 2 o 3 lbs. and Stan has even seen one hat tipped the scales at 4 lbs. Blackfishing is very good from Hagermans Landing to Herods Point n skimmer clams and worm bait. Stan was especially enthuised about n excellent run of small bass along Sound Beaches. He described it as he best run of small bass in many a ear. Hot area is also from Hagerans Landing to Herods Point. While most fish are shorts to 4 lbs. Stan did know of a 12 pounder and a 0 pounder taken recently. Best time as been early a.m. or dusk and mall tins seem to be producing nost of the fish. Some of Stan's ustomers have been fishing the outh Race and loading up on eakfish to 12 lbs.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reported 'great'' mackerel fishing in the Sound and flounders along with hem. While the flounder fishing has lowed there are still enough fish round to make it worthwhile. Sandworms and skimmers along with mussel chum produce best. Ralph oted that the fish are definitely oving to the east. There has been ery good blackfishing at from Mt.



Seven-year-old Dave Bishop of Kings Park shows off his 1 lb. 2 oz. flounder taken in the Nissequogue River. Photo courtesy of O.K. Bait Shop.

This catch of 61 flatties up to 2¼ lbs. was made by Lenny Woodrich (The Phantom), Dom Russo and "The Mad Russian" at Crane Neck. Fish were taken on "Salty Suzies" and sandworms with mussel chum. Photo courtesy of the Tackle Shack.

Misery to Rocky Point on skimmer clam bait. There are also some weakfish being taken by those mackerel fishing.

PORT JEFFERSON

john of **Caraftis Fishing Station** reports the best mackerel fishing is found in the early a.m. at Mount Misery Shoals. Later in the day chum is a big asset. Four to eight pound weakfish are mixed in with the mackerel. Flounder fishing is still holding out with most of the action in the Sound. Cedar Beach and Miller Place have been the scene of good blackfish action for those using skimmers and worms. John also spoke of lots of small school bass from Miller Place to Wading River. Anglers floating whole sandworms have been doing a good job on stripers ranging from shorts to 4 lbs.

KINGS PARK

Bob of **OK Bait & Tackle** reports that fishing over the weekend was decent despite the weather. Dave Spindell and his sons Brian and Sandy had 70 good sized flounder on worms and clam chum fishing off of Callahans on Saturday. Also on Saturday Jim Tucciarone and Mike Bilodeau loaded up with 75 mackerel, 50 flounder, and a 6 lb. weakfish fishing in the Mansion area. Bob also had news of a unique catch made by 6 year old Robert Tinschert. The young angler dropped a worm off the dock and was both surprised and ectstatic over the 1 lb. Rainbow trout that found his worm bait.

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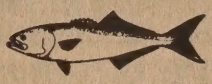

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NATIONAL SCENE

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great deal of information that the State/Federal Striped Bass Program desperately needs.

Chafee's bill has been tacked on as an amendment to extend authorization for the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act. It has cleared Committee and prospects of passage are very good if a groundswell of public opinion develops. Write to Senators Jacob Javits and Daniel Moynihan (U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510) urging them to support S-838. The companion House Bill is HR-2035, sponsored by Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.). Bob Pond noted that a massive telephone campaign rescued that bill from certain defeat, and got it through the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Please also request your Congressman to support HR-2035! It's taken a long time to get people concerned about striped bass. Now is the time to really put on the pressure!

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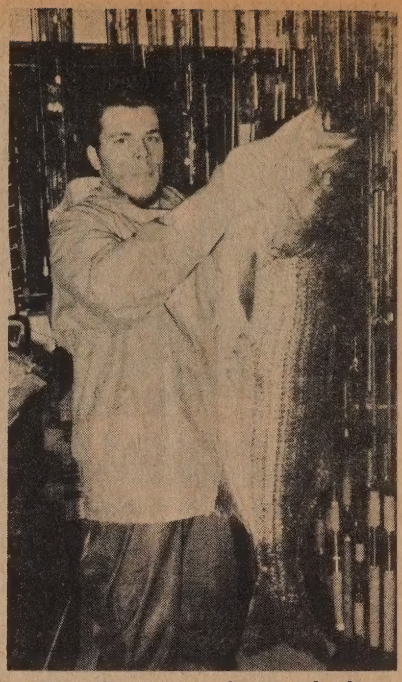
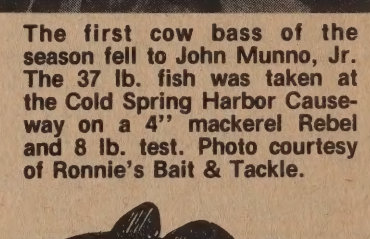


The first cow bass of the season fell to John Munno, Jr. The 37 lb. fish was taken at the Cold Spring Harbor Causeway on a 4" mackerel Rebel and 8 lb. test. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait & Tackle.



NORTHPORT

Tom of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** told us that mackerel are still in solid and occasionally come within range of casters. Some small bass are being taken at Crab Meadow on ¾ oz. Tri-Fin whiptails and also on small bucktails. Flounder are still around but thinning rapidly and blacks are beginning to make a showing. Tom asked us to remind everyone that he has a good supply of fiddlers in stock for those looking for blackfish.

Artie of **Sea and Ski** reports that Eric Biegler caught a 12½ lb. sea run brown trout in the Nissequogue on a Kastmaster. This was on May 7 on the saltwater side. This catch was confirmed and the fish was believed to have been feeding in the Sound off Sunken Meadow and returned to the river.

HUNTINGTON

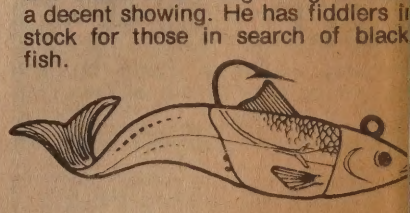
George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** spoke of plenty of mackerel in the early morning and also during the day when chumming helps concentrate the fish. For casters, weakfish are being taken all around the Cold Spring Harbor area including Makanah Beach on Tri-Fin eel worms. These fish are running to 8 lbs. Stripers are being taken a the Cold Spring Harbor Causeway on 4" mackerel finish Rebels. These fish run up to 4 lbs. Good black fishing at Marshall Field on fiddlers and skimmers. George is well stocked with the hard to find fiddle bait for those interested.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle tells us 5-yr-old Keith Huntington of Greenlawn bagged a 5½ blackfish while fishing with his grandfather of Callahan's using worms Saturday. Sunday night, Brent Whitman of Huntington beached 2, 10 lb. stripers along with a small weak casting 4½" broken tail mackerel Rebels. This was from the beach at Cold Spring Causeway. There are still flounder to be caught at Eatons Neck and Mackimah. Mackerel are all over the place and there are a few weaks around. "Vinnie" Vincent bagged a 9 lb. 8 oz. weak in the Sound on a mackerel tree. Blacks are starting off Marshall Fields and Eatons Neck on worm, clam or fiddlers.

Captain Don of the **Ever Ready** reports fishing has been very good all week, with mixed bags of flounder, macks, blacks and herring. Don asks that you call to confirm his weekday 8AM trips scheduled for Monday, May 21 on.

COLD SPRING Hbr.

Mark of **Salty's Bait & Tackle** told us that his partner Tom Longo and Frank Diana journeyed to the Peconics and loaded up with weakfish up to 8½ lbs. on jelly worms rigged on a Tri-Fin wormhead. Mark reported that mackerel are all over the Sound and blackfish are beginning to make a decent showing. He has fiddlers in stock for those in search of blackfish.



Jerry Koziak of Jack's Bait & Tackle and his brother-in-law Jimmy Keappock with 30 flounder taken in an hour's time at Prospect Point. Photo courtesy Jack's Bait & Tackle.

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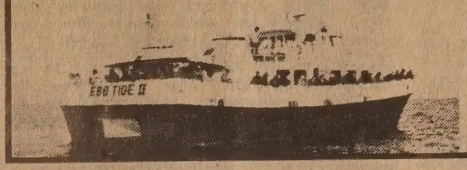

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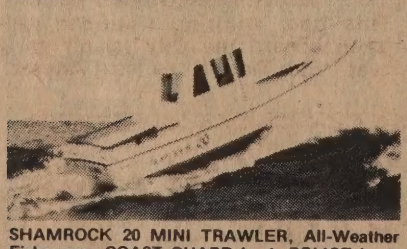

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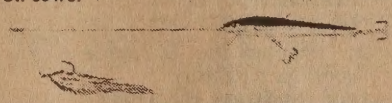

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Inning No. 1	April 14th	CODFISH	25-pounds
Inning No. 2	May 5th	FLOUNDER	2-pounds
Inning No. 3	May 26th	WEAKFISH	7-pounds
Inning No. 4	June 16th	STRIPED BASS	25-pounds
Inning No. 5	July 7th	FLUKE	6-pounds
Inning No. 6	July 28th	BLUEFISH	10-pounds
Inning No. 7	August 18th	OFFSHORE	None
Inning No. 8	September 15th	RODEO	None
Inning No. 9	October 6th	BLACKFISH	6-pounds

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	12:25	1:02	1:01	1:43	1:02	1:50	1:48	2:41	3:28	4:12	3:44	4:24	12:23	1:00	5/17
FRI.	1:23	2:03	2:03	2:49	2:00	2:47	2:53	3:43	4:29	5:19	4:46	5:26	1:23	2:01	5/18
SAT.	2:25	3:06	3:08	3:55	3:02	3:47	4:00	4:46	5:40	6:46	5:52	6:29	2:26	3:04	5/19
SUN.	3:29	4:10	4:15	5:00	4:06	4:48	5:09	5:48	7:18	8:07	6:58	7:31	3:30	4:04	5/20
MON.	4:35	5:12	5:19	5:59	5:10	5:49	6:14	6:45	8:41	9:10	8:01	8:30	4:30	5:00	5/21
TUE.	5:36	6:07	6:19	6:54	6:13	6:43	7:13	7:38	9:42	10:03	9:01	9:25	5:26	5:53	5/22
WED.	6:32	6:57	7:15	7:44	7:08	7:35	8:07	8:26	10:36	10:54	9:57	10:17	6:19	6:43	5/23
THUR.	7:21	7:42	8:07	8:32	7:58	8:20	8:57	9:12	11:25	11:41	10:50	11:06	7:09	7:30	5/24

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
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East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

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Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

5/1	5:57	7:57
5/6	5:50	8:04
5/11	5:44	8:09
5/16	5:39	8:14
5/21	5:34	8:19
5/26	5:31	8:24

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5/26	5/4	5/12	5/18

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:10	4:30	10:40	5:00
Fri.	11:15	5:30	11:40	5:55
Sat.	—	6:20	12:10	6:50
Sun.	12:30	7:10	1:05	7:35
Mon.	1:20	8:00	1:50	8:25
Tues.	2:10	8:45	2:40	9:10
Wed.	2:55	9:35	3:25	9:55
Thurs.	3:45	10:20	4:10	10:45

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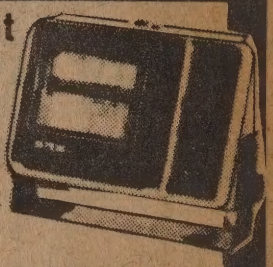

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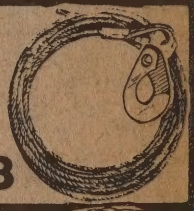

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